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List of Officers
Elected and Appointed

Moderator
ROBERT B. WALSH

Town Clerk
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Treasurer
JOHN L. WOODBURY

Tax Collector
CHARLES W. APPLETON

Selectmen
CHESTER A. FOSTER, Chairman
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS AVON D. BRADEEN

Overseers of Poor
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman
AVON D. BRADEEN CHESTER A. FOSTER

Board of Health
AVON D. BRADEEN, Chairman
CHESTER A. FOSTER ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

Assessors
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
TERM EXPIRES 1920
GEORGE M. ADAMS JESSE S. MANN
TERM EXPIRES 1921 TERM EXPIRES 1922

Tree Warden

ERLE G. BREWER

Trustees of Public Library

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER
Term Expires 1922

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term Expires 1920

ROBERT B. WALSH
Term Expires 1921

School Committee

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman
Term Expires 1921

MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH
Term Expires 1920

MISS FLORENCE M. LULL
Term Expires 1922

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman
Term Expires 1920

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term Expires 1922

GEORGE H. GIBNEY
Term Expires 1921

Park Commissioners

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman
Term Expires 1922

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term Expires 1921

EDWARD J. READY
Term Expires 1920

Constables

ALFRED T. POOLE, Chief of Police
CHARLES H. SMITH
LEROY S. DODGE

Superintendent of Streets

WILLIAM E. TOWNSEND

Moth Superintendent

ERLE G. BREWER (Resigned) HARRY R. McGREGOR

Registrars of Voters

JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman

Term Expires 1920

PERLEY G. ANDERSON FRANK W. BUZZELL

Term Expires 1921 Term Expires 1922

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measures

RANDALL E. ADAMS

Town Accountant

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Town Counsel

ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers

GEORGE F. PENDEXTER, Chief

ERLE G. BREWER

LESTER M. WHIPPLE RODNEY H. ADAMS

Inspector of Animals

GEORGE R. DODGE

Keeper of Lockup

GEORGE H. HARADEN

Forest Fire Warden

FRED BERRY

Pound Keeper

GEORGE H. HARADEN

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY
MERRILL S. LOVERING
FRED P. KILHAM
ERNEST M. BARKER
GEORGE M. ADAMS

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber

JESSE S. MANN
LESTER M. WHIPPLE
RALPH BERRY
TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

Accountant's Report

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Current year		
Property	$21,328 23	
Poll	714 00	
Previous years		
Property	7,427 94	
Poll	192 00	
From the state		
Income, general	36,054 02	
Income, school	2,290 00	
St. Railway tax	568 70	
Corporation tax	4,363 18	
National Bank tax	1,340 86	
		$74,278 93

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses		
Liquor	$1,262 50	
Pool	8 00	
Pedlers'	6 00	
Permits		
Oleo	2 50	
Amusement	6 00	
		1,285 00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines—Court	$115 00	
		115 00
Forwarded		$75,678 93

Brought forward		$75,678 93

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From county		
Dog tax	$331 23	
From individuals		
Maxwell Norman	200 00	
Community Social Club	50 00	
		581 23

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth	$1,365 76	
		1,365 76

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Clerk		
Use of phone	$2 30	
Town Hall		
Rent	86 00	
		88 30

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police		
Reimbursement for officers furnished	$8 00	
Inspection		
Sealer's fees	22 78	
Forestry		
Gypsy moth, reimbursement by state	111 08	
		141 86
Forwarded		$77,856 08

Brought forward		$77,856 08

HEALTH AND SANITATION

From state		
Reimbursement, tubercular patient	$33 57	
		33 57

HIGHWAYS

From county		
Reimbursement, outlay main, cor. Moulton St.	$50 00	
Sale of materials	10 00	
Use of roller	27 00	
Oiling	30 00	
		117 00

CHARITIES

Outside relief		
From individuals	$137 84	
From cities and towns	16 33	
From state	1,654 68	
Mothers' aid		
From state	312 00	
		2,120 85

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State aid	$410 00	
		410 00

SCHOOLS

Tuition	$90 00	
Sale of junk	21 04	
		111 04
Forwarded		$80,648 54

Brought forward		$80,648 54
PARKS		
Sale of grass	$2 00	
		2 00
UNCLASSIFIED		
Welcome Home buttons	$58 63	
Sale of Pound	100 00	
		158 63
ENTERPRISES		
Fees, public scales	$6 00	
		6 00
CEMETERY		
Sale of lots	$50 00	
Grading lots	25 00	
Sale of graves	10 00	
Sale of loam	11 50	
		96 50
INTEREST		
On perpetual care department	$108 00	
On deferred taxes	498 98	
On deposits	403 20	
Dodge fund income	68 31	
Allen fund income	22 75	
		1,101 24
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Revenue loans	$40,000 00	
		40,000 00
Forwarded		$122,012 91

Brought forward		$122,012 91

AGENCY AND TRUST

Agency		
Liquor license for state	$420 84	
Taxes, 1919, for state	8,360 00	
Special state tax	501 60	
Taxes, 1919, for county	6,170 17	
Taxes, 1919, soldiers' exemption to state	37 93	
		15,490 54
Trust		
Perpetual care funds	$450 00	
		450 00

REFUNDS

School	$10 00	
Boiler insurance	49	
		10 49

TRANSFERS

Tailings account		
Outstanding checks prior to Jan. 1, 1918	$43 56	
		43 56

BALANCES

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	$37,511 55	
Allen fund, including cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	54 67	
Dodge fund income, cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	41 53	
		37,607 75
		$175,615 25

EXPENDITURES

General Government

LEGISLATIVE

Moderator	$10 00	
Legislative committee	158 50	
		$168 50

SELECTMEN

Salaries	$850 00	
Other expenses	77 50	
		927 50

ACCOUNTING

Salary	$800 00	
State audit	111 86	
Other expenses	82 52	
		994 38

TREASURER

Salary	$480 38	
Bond	50 00	
Other expenses	75 45	
		605 83

TAX COLLECTOR

Salary	$400 00	
Bond	150 00	
Other expenses	77 73	
		627 73
Forwarded		$3,323 94

Brought forward		$3,323 94

ASSESSORS

Salaries and wages	$954 50	
Other expenses	111 14	
		1,065 64

OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Certification of notes	$8 00	
		8.00

LAW

Salary	$100 00	
		100 00

TOWN CLERK

Salary	$200 00	
Recording fees	54 00	
Other expenses	65 45	
		319 45

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and wages		
Registrars	$200 00	
Election officers	140 00	
Other expenses		
Printing and postage	74 60	
All other	131 55	
		546 15

TOWN HALL

Salaries and wages		
Janitor	$500 00	
Extra labor	62 07	
Forwarded	$562 07	$5,363 18

Brought forward	$562 07	$5,363 18	
Other expenses			
Fuel	108 30		
Light	110 76		
Janitor's supplies	67 23		
Repairs	514 13		
Phone	67 38		
Water	35 00		
Removing ashes	42 50		
All other	46 83		
		1,554 20	

DRAINING TOWN HALL CELLAR

Labor	$92 00		
Materials	14 12		
		106 12	
			$7,023 50

Protection of Life and Property

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages			
Chief	$1,354 50		
Officers	758 60		
Auto hire	91 25		
Equipment and repairs	81 28		
Phone	37 62		
Constable	30 00		
All other	109 08		
		$2,462 33	
Forwarded		$2,462 33	$7,023 50

Brought forward		$2,462 33	$7,023 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages			
Firemen	$278 15		
Janitor	35 00		
Clerical work	3 85		
Equipment and repairs			
Apparatus	111 53		
Fire alarm	16 52		
All other	202 75		
Fuel	91 40		
Light	31 80		
Building and grounds			
Repairs	13 23		
Rent and insurance	110 00		
Other expenses			
Printing and postage	18 75		
Phone	39 25		
Power, fire alarm	49 79		
All other	172 78		
		1,174 80	
Land for engine house		2,500 00	

SEALER

Salary			
Sealer, 1918	$16 69		
Sealer, 1919	50 00		
Transportation	21 75		
Equipment	8 13		
All other	92		
		97 49	
Forwarded		$6,234 62	$7,023 50

Brought forward		$6,234 62	$7,023 50

FORESTRY

Insect Pest Extermination

Salaries and wages			
Superintendent	$973 25		
Men	2,578 78		
Teams	232 75		
Equipment	95 64		
All other	819 06		
		4,699 48	

Tree Warden

Salaries and wages	$195 39		
Equipment	24 47		
All other	54 06		
		273 92	

Forest Fire Warden

Salary		10 00	
			11,218 02

Health and Sanitation

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, Board of Health	$100 00		
Quarantine and contagious diseases			
Medical aid	96 17		
Nursing	81 00		
All other	59 57		
Forwarded	$336 74		$18,241 52

Brought forward	$336 74		**$18,241 52**
Vital statistics			
Return of births	4 00		
Return of deaths	3 75		
Other expenses			
Public dump	113 09		
All other	45 84		
		$503 42	

INSPECTION

School children	$300 00		
Animals	34 95		
Meat	10 50		
		345 45	
			848 87

Highways

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Supervision			
Superintendent	$787 50		
Use of auto	472 50		
		$1,260 00	

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Salaries and wages	$2,594 50		
Teams	2,199 50		
Gravel and stone	378 22		
Equipment and repairs	171 67		
Forwarded	$5,343 89	$1,260 00	**$19,090 39**

Brought forward	$5,343 89	$1,260 00	$19,090 39
Other expenses			
Patching material	363 96		
Catch basins	197 15		
Highway Commission			
Oiling Essex St.	100 00		
Approaches to Main St. at Gardner and Moulton Sts.	150 00		
Metal culverts	24 00		
Freight and express	32 48		
Street signs	9 75		
All other	2 18		
		6,223 41	
BRIDGES			
Labor	$52 50		
Lumber	71 27		
All other	11 32		
		135 09	
SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE			
Labor	$132 00		
Teams	72 00		
All other	1 00		
		205 00	
GUARD RAIL			
Lumber and labor	$14 95		
		14 95	
Forwarded		$7,838 45	$19,090 39

Brought forward		$7,838 45	$19,090 39

OILING

Labor and teams	$1,122 50	
Materials		
Oil	1,466 97	
Sand and gravel	79 75	
Fuel	33 60	
		2,702 82

ROAD ROLLER

Labor	$267 00	
Repairs	107 75	
Fuel	54 30	
Oil and waste	12 80	
All other	21 64	
		463 49

REMOVING SNOW

Labor	$283 50	
Teams	270 00	
All other	113 00	
		666 50

STREET LIGHTING

Contract	$5,124 13	
		5,124 13

STATE ASSESSMENT

State Highway assessment	$1,504 97	
		1,504 97
Forwarded	$18,300 36	$19,090 39

Brought forward		$18,300 36	$19,090 39

SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS

Willow St. Drainage

Labor	$44 00	
Teams	98 00	
All other	89 52	
		231 52

Grant Ave.

Labor	$220 00	
Teams	208 00	
All other	27 40	
		455 40

Washington Ave.

Labor	$120 00	
Teams	120 00	
Gravel	20 00	
Supervision	40 00	
		300 00

Norman Fund

Labor	$234 25	
All other	12 90	
		247 15
		19,534 43

Charities

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary, Overseers	$100 00	
Forwarded	$100 00	$38,624 82

Brought forward		$100 00	$38,624 82

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY TOWN

Groceries	$995 79		
Fuel	253 80		
Board and care	705 00		
Medical aid	172 25		
Cash aid	398 00		
Rent	303 00		
All other	149 08		
		2,976 92	
Relief by other cities and towns		12 00	
Mothers' aid			
By town		312 00	
By other cities and towns		40 00	
			3,440 92

Soldiers' Benefits

State aid		$225 00	
Soldiers' relief			
Cash aid	$416 00		
Medical aid	234 01		
		650 01	
			875 01
Forwarded			$42,940 75

Brought forward		$42,940 75

Schools

GENERAL EXPENSES

Superintendent	$825 00	
Clerical work	100 00	
Truant officer	50 00	
Truant officer—expenses	3 00	
Stationery, etc.	44 38	
Telephone	69 34	
Traveling expense	8 63	
School census	25 00	
All other	23 44	
		1,148 79
TEACHERS' SALARIES		
High	$6,601 25	
Elementary	7,875 30	
Special	1,549 65	
Retirement fund	674 80	
		16,701 00
TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES		
High	$500 59	
Elementary	725 56	
		1,226 15
TRANSPORTATION		
Elementary, 1918	$992 00	
Elementary, 1919	2,010 00	
		3,002 00
JANITORS		
High	$567 20	
Elementary	1,034 70	
		1,601 90
Forwarded		$23,678 84 $42,940 75

Brought forward		$23,678 84	$42,940 75
FUEL AND LIGHT			
High	$840 53		
Elementary	1,167 42		
		2,007 95	
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS			
High	$548 19		
Elementary	998 13		
		1,547 02	
FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS			
High	$84 61		
Elementary	618 69		
		703 30	
OTHER EXPENSES			
Diplomas	$29 25		
Drinking water	186 20		
All other	79 00		
		294 45	
		$28,232 56	

SPECIAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

School house insurance		256 75	
East school piano		350 00	
Center school repairs		188 57	
EVENING SCHOOL			
Payroll Jan., 1919	$70 50		
Industrial school—tuition	48 60		
		119 10	
			29,146 98
Forwarded			$72,087 73

Brought forward		$72,087 73

EAST SCHOOL BUILDING

Contract	$3,902 00	
Architect	135 32	
Equipment	275 81	
All other	17 69	
		4,330 82

Public Library

Salary, librarian	$490 00	
Books	387 28	
Periodicals	97 65	
Fuel	4 43	
Light	25 86	
Building:—Repairs	11 67	
Furniture	5 65	
Janitor's supplies	1 20	
Rent	120 00	
Other expenses	72 47	
		1,216 21

Recreation

PARKS

Labor	$8 19	
All other	4 00	
		12 19
Forwarded		$77,646 95

Brought forward			$77,646 95

Unclassified

Memorial Day		$24 09	
Town clock		25 00	
Town reports		267 88	
Welcome Home committee		1,915 74	
Finance committee		7 50	
Valuation book		557 94	
Boiler insurance		87 96	
Highland St., scales		60 57	
			2,946 68

Cemetery

Salaries and wages			
Commissioners	$45 00		
Labor	187 45		
Teams	132 00		
Trees and shrubs	4 50		
Equipment	85		
Gravel	20 50		
Driving well	102 00		
All other	11 30		
		503 60	
Care of endowed lots		108 00	
Grading lots		25 00	
			636 60

Interest

Anticipation of revenue		$1,296 88	
East school bonds		1,125 00	
South school bonds		98 00	
			2,519 88
Forwarded			$83,750 11

Brought forward		$83,750 11

Municipal Indebtedness

Revenue loans	$45,000 00	
East school bond	1,000 00	
South school bond	980 00	
		46,980 00

Agency and Trust

AGENCY

State tax	$8,360 00	
Special state tax	501 60	
County tax	6,170 17	
Soldiers' exemption	37 93	
Liquor license for state	420 84	
	15,490 54	

TRUST

Perpetual care funds	450 00	
		15,940 54

Transfers

Transferred from Dodge fund income to Dodge fund principal	36 87
	$146,707 52

Balances

General cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1919	$28,819 74	
Dodge fund income, Dec. 31, 1919	10 57	
Allen fund income, Dec. 31, 1919	77 42	
		28,907 73
		$175,615 25

RESERVE FUND (Ledger Account)

Transfers				Appropriations		
1919				1919		
Aug.	11	Valuation Book	$182.94	Jan. 1	Carried over	$876.27
"	26	Legislative Com.	50.00	Mar.	Appropriation	600.00
"	26	Police	500.00			
Dec.	31	Town Clerk	19.45			
"	"	Election & Reg.	46.15			
"	"	Police	162.33			
"	"	Health	3.42			
"	"	Highway	4.76			
"	"	Soldiers' Relief	50.01			
"	"	Cemetery	3.60			
"	"	Balance (carried over to 1920)	453.61			
			$1,476.27			$1,476.27

TOWN OF HAMILTON
December 31, 1919, Balance Sheet

Assets		
Cash in bank and office		$28,907.73
Accounts receivable		
Taxes 1916	$ .40	
1917	166.82	
1918	2,232.68	
1919	6,119.24	
		8,519.14
Moth Assessments		
1917	4.88	
1918	66.99	
1919	241.57	
		313.44
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Aid		281.00
Overdrawn appropriations (offset to liabilities)—Assessors		265.64
		$38,286.95

Liabilities		
Revenue loans		$20,000.00
Overlay		
1916	$ .40	
1917	1,953.11	
1918	48.80	
1919	1,235.16	
		3,237.47
Appropriation balances		
Legislative Committee	76.50	
Draining Town Hall cellar	493.88	
Center School repairs	211.43	
Highland St. scales	82.91	
Welcome Home Committee	42.89	
War Fund	250.00	
Reserve Fund	453.61	
		1,611.22
Norman Fund		205.71
Dodge Fund Income		10.57
Allen Fund Income		77.42
Overlay Reserve		1,122.99
Tailings Account (outstanding checks prior to Jan. 1, 1918)		43.56
Excess and Deficiency (surplus)		11,978.01
		$38,286.95

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	$17,960.00	So. School Bonds	$1,960.00
		East School Bonds	16,000.00
	$17,960.00		$17,960.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cash and Securities	$7,378.12	Perpetual Care Funds	$5,841.25
		Dodge Library Fund	1,036.87
		Allen Library Fund	500.00
	$7,378.12		$7,378.12

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS
Town of Hamilton, Dec. 31, 1919

Savings bank deposits at beginning of year	$5,285.61
Savings bank deposits at end of year	5,841.25

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Deposits for care	$450.00	Care of lots	$108.00
Interest	213.64	Deposited in bank	555.64
	$663.64		$663.64

Fund	Balance Jan.1,1919	Receipts	Payments	Balance Dec.31,1919
Abbott, M. K.	$234.04	$9.44	$6.00	$237.48
Allen, Albert F.	108.78	4.36	3.50	109.64
Allen, D. S.	455.65	18.38	9.00	465.03
Allen, Dr. Justin	108.84	4.38	3.00	110.22
Andrews, Horace E.	106.76	4.71	3.00	108.47
Ayers Fund	169.42	6.82	3.50	172.74
Bean, Ellen A.	110.30	4.44	2.00	112.74
Brown, Elizabeth S.	113.02	4.56	3.00	114.58
Burnham, Amos	116.96	4.70	3.00	118.66
Burnham, Choate	191.06	7.70	5.00	193.76
Burton, F. J. and P. W.	100.00	....	....	100.00
Butler, N. B.	108.91	4.84	2.00	111.75
Dane, Francis	1,193.43	49.54	8.00	1,234.97
Dane, Luther	114.32	4.60	3.00	115.92
Davenport, J. K.	106.56	4.28	3.00	107.84
Dodge, H. Augusta	259.08	10.46	4.00	265.54
Dodge, J. E.	106.68	4.64	4.00	107.32
Dodge, Jos. I.	110.36	4.44	3.00	111.80
Fillebrown, H. K.	52.28	2.28	2.00	52.56
Gleason, Wm. T.	106.56	4.28	3.00	107.84
Haynes, Geo. T.	116.72	4.70	3.00	118.42
Horne, Thomas	105.59	4.59	4.00	106.18
Kinsman, Jacob	112.56	4.52	3.00	114.08
Mason, Arthur	105.61	4.68	2.00	108.29
Patch, Laura	105.63	4.68	2.00	108.31
Peterson, Chas. A.	106.76	4.75	2.00	109.51
Roberts, Daniel	106.02	4.28	4.00	106.30
Safford, Daniel	118.58	4.76	3.00	120.34
Townsend, Wm. E.	106.72	4.28	3.00	108.00
Whipple, Albert E.	105.59	4.59	4.00	106.18
Whipple, Hannah M.	105.36	4.20	3.00	105.56
Whipple, L. D.	118.46	4.76	2.00	121.22
Added in 1919:				
Dane, Jos. F.		100.00		100.00
Dufton, Jos. W.		100.00		100.00
Patch, Emeline		100.00		100.00
Dodge, Edward W.		100.00		100.00
Graham, Charles E.		50.00		50.00
	$5,285.61	$663.64	$108.00	$5,841.25

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
December 31, 1919

Dr. Justin Allen Fund

Savings bank deposit at beginning of year	$500 00
Savings bank deposit at end of year	500 00

Allen Fund Income

RECIEPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$54 67	Cash on hand at end of year	$77 42
Interest	22 75		
	$77 42		$77 42

H. A. Dodge Fund
(Gail Hamilton Reading Room)

United Fruit Bond (par value)	$1,000 00	
Deposit Merchants' National Bank	36 87	
Total principal at beginning of year		$1,036 87
United Fruit Bond (par value)	$1,000 00	
Savings bank deposit at end of year	36 87	
Total principal at end of year		$1,036 87

Dodge Fund Income

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$41 53	Transferred to principal	$36 87
Interest	68 31	Periodicals	62 40
		Cash on hand	10 57
	$109 84		$109 84

Treasurer's Cash

Town of Hamilton, Dec. 31, 1919

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1919, as per ledger		$28,907 73
Merchants' National Bank, deposit	$28,821 62	
Cash on hand, deposited in January, 1920	62 55	
Allen fund income in savings bank Dec. 31, 1919, deposited January, 1920	22 75	
Dodge fund income in savings bank Dec. 31, 1919, deposited January, 1920	81	
		$28,907 73

Merchants' National Bank, per check book	$28,821 62
Outstanding checks	3,893,96
Merchants' National Bank statement	$32,715 58

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	$37,607 75	
Receipts in 1919	138,007 50	
		$175,615 25
Payments in 1919	$146,707 52	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1919	28,907 73	
		$175,615 25

JOHN L. WOODBURY,
Town Treasurer.

Report of Selectmen
1919

Citizens Town of Hamilton:

It is the duty of your Board of Selectmen to carry out the vote of the town at its several town meetings.

The first problem confronting the board was the condition of the streets, increased cost of material and labor and the difficulty in obtaining the same. It was the desire of the board to get the street work done in the spring, and the greater part of it was duly accomplished.

The proposition of oiling the streets presented itself. We found we could obtain oil in two ways,—by small auto truck loads or tank car lots. Representatives of the different oil concerns were present at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen and submitted their figures. The lowest price for auto truck loads was $0.105 per gallon laid by the American Tar Co. The lowest price for tank car lots, 65% asphalt, was $0.078 per gallon laid, submitted by the Alden Speare Co., Providence, R. I. Both of these propositions were accepted. Two tank cars were ordered from Alden Speare Co., which oiled the following streets: Asbury, Union, R. R. Ave., Walnut, Bridge and Essex Sts. We feel that this improved and preserved a large amount of highway.

One auto truck load of tar was put on Willow Street, and one on Maple Street, and a portion of Farms Road, for which Miss Mary Curtis paid.

The advice of F. C. Pillsbury, division engineer, of the Massachusetts State Highway, was sought. He made an appointment with the Superintendent of Streets and the Board of Selectmen, and rode over the streets of Hamilton, giving us

freely of his expert knowledge on building, care and upkeep of streets. He emphasized the fact in these days of shortage of labor that we must use machinery, and every bit of machinery owned by the town has been working this season.

The coöperation of the State Highway Commission has been appreciated by the Selectmen.

By the authority of the vote at the regular town meeting, March 11, 1919, the Board of Selectmen proceeded to take by right of eminent domain a parcel of land located at the corner of R. R. Ave. and Willow Street, for building site for an engine house. The doings of the board were ratified at a special town meeting, May 26, 1919.

By the authority of the vote at the regular town meeting, March, 1916, the Board of Selectmen proceeded to sell the town pound to Albert R. Merrill for the sum of $100, the doings of which were ratified at a special town meeting May 26, 1919.

By authority of the vote at a special town meeting Nov. 24, 1919, the Board of Selectmen accepted by gift from Frederic Winthrop, of Hamilton, a certain lot of land known as the Champlin lot and situated on the northerly side of Union Street, containing four and one-half acres, to be kept by the town forever as a memorial to Dorothy Winthrop; the said land to be used only as a school house site, playground or park, and to be forever known as the Dorothy Winthrop Memorial.

The Fire Department has performed its duty faithfully, handled the fires efficiently, and the department deserves the commendation of its fellow citizens.

The Police Department handled the heavy auto traffic during the summer months with credit, and performed all other duties required.

The Moth Department is more or less under the direction of the state and has performed its duty in the usual manner.

Harry R. MacGregor has been appointed Superintendent in place of Erle G. Brewer, who resigned to accept position elsewhere.

We desire to congratulate the custodian of the Town Hall in his care of the building and grounds, which reflects credit to the town of Hamilton.

We wish to thank the heads of departments and appreciate the courtesy extended to us by the town officers.

Respectfully,

CHESTER A. FOSTER,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
AVON D. BRADEEN,
Board of Selectmen.

Report of Superintendent of Streets

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Hamilton, Mass.

Gentlemen: Below you will find the annual report of the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919:

Work on the streets of Hamilton was started March 25, 1919. The greater part of the work was done in the spring and early part of the summer. The work done and expense on the individual streets follows:

Asbury Street (Main St. to Topsfield line)	
Patched, oiled, rolled, shaped up, and gutters cleaned. Grass mowed and bushes removed.	$582 25
Bridge Street (Main St. to Essex line)	
Patched, oiled, rolled, shaped up with road machine, gravelled and ditched around Mandell's hill to prevent washout.	749 10
Bridge Street	
Catch basin opposite Miles River Station, to take care of surface water.	119 36
Chebacco Road	
Shaped up with road machine and patched with gravel. Bushes trimmed.	167 00
Farms Road	
Widened from two to three feet on each side. Repaired culvert. Picked out rocks and raked whole length. Filled holes with gravel.	420 50
Essex Street	
Patched, oiled, rolled and shaped up with road machine.	542 17

Essex Street	
Catch basin and drain built at Essex Jct. to take care of surface water.	130 90
Gardner Street	
Coat of gravel from Main St. to Buzzell's entrance. From 4 to 8 inches thick. Shaped with road machine and rolled.	507 25
This includes $75 paid the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the approach to state highway.	
Grant Ave.	
Finished with gravel, the reconstruction	332 40
Highland Street (From Wenham line to Ipswich line)	
Shaped up with road machine and widened whole length. Electric light poles relocated at Adams' Bridge and the bridge widened with gravel about three feet on each side. From Goodhue St. toward Ipswich line rebuilt with gravel quarter of a mile and rolled. Picked up rough places with steam roller and re-rolled. Cut bushes and trimmed out trees interfering with lights.	1,599 50
Linden Street	
Cleaned.	11 42
Main Street	
Cleaned, picking up waste paper, and repairing shoulders.	196 00
Catch basin built near Town Hall entrance to take care of surface water. Including 100 feet of drain pipe.	111 46
Maple Street	
Oiled and rolled. Shaped up with road machine.	106 00
Catch basin and 200 feet drain built.	116 65

Miles River Road	
Shaped up with road machine and gravelled. Rolled with steam roller.	166 00
Mill Street	
Finished with gravel and put in two sidewalks.	226 50
Moulton Street	
Approach to the State Highway built by the Massachusetts Highway Commission ($75). Shaped up with road machine and patched with gravel.	190 50
Railroad Ave.	
Draining surface water in front of Gould's store, it was necessary to clean out entire drain, entering the outlet on Main Street. Oiled and rolled Main St. to Union St. Picked up and gravelled in front of schoolhouse yard.	321 00
Rust Street	
Ditching	2 00
Sagamore Street	
Road machine and grave patching.	78 00
Union Street	
Patched, oiled, rolled and cleaned.	100 00
Walnut Street	
Patched, oiled, rolled and cleaned.	78 00
Willow Street	
Patched, oiled, rolled and cleaned.	285 52
Willowdale Road	
Shaped up with road machine and patched with gravel.	117 25
Catch basin and culvert built.	82 00
Woodbury Street	
Shaped up with road machine and patched with gravel	121 00

Two carloads 65% asphalt road oil ($0.078 per gal. laid)	1,256 97
Two auto tank loads road oil (laid)	210 00
Patching K. P. oil, material and labor	735 91
Road roller repairs	125 30
Road scraper repairs	56 92
Road drag and repairs	31 05
Tools	97 24
Miscellaneous (1918)	25 30
Miscellaneous (1919)	1 55
Depot Sq. cleaning	346 00
Front of Hamilton postoffice, cleaning	93 00
Sidewalks	205 00
Guard rails	14 95
Testing gravel pit	32 00
Street signs	9 75
Cleaning catch basins	169 00
Bridges	135 09
Total	$11,004 76

Appropriation	$11,000 00	
Transferred from Reserve fund	4 76	
		$11,004 76

HIGHWAY EXPENSES (in detail)

Appropriation	$11,000 00	
From Reserve	4 76	
		$11,004 76

Expenditures

General Administration

Supervision:		
Townsend, Wm. E., Supt.	$787 50	
Townsend, Wm. E., use of auto	472 50	
		$1,260 00

General Expenditures

Allen, H. G., labor	4 00	
Allen, G. E., labor	4 00	
Addison, G. A., street signs	4 75	
Ayers, Frederick, teams	96 00	
Ayers, Frederick, gravel	25	
Adams, Geo. M., teams	80 00	
Adams, Geo. M., gravel	90 50	
Barker, E. M., Jr., labor	64 00	
Barker, E. M., teams	152 00	
Berry, Fred, teams	48 00	
Barrett & Co., patching material	358 96	
Bradeen, A. D., labor	4 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	19 47	
Barnes, J. D., screens, catch basins, etc.	40 00	
Bond, Harry L., tools and equipment	56 10	
Connolly Bros., gravel	5 88	
Cummings, A. C., teams	10 00	
Dodge, Benjamin, teams	8 00	
Forwarded	$1,045 91	$1,260 00

Brought forward	$1,045 91	$1,260 00
Dodge, Emerson P., labor	4 00	
Dodge, Francis, teams	60 00	
Dodge, Francis, labor	10 50	
Daley, Wm. J., tools	21 15	
Essex Trap Rock Co., broken stone	50 59	
Fitz, Geo. W., gravel	79 25	
Frear, Eddy A., labor	346 00	
Foster, C. A., labor	4 00	
Fraser, Peter, labor	8 00	
Gould, S. C., kerosene	80	
Hatt, Egbert, labor	5 00	
Hamilton Hardware Store, supplies	8 86	
Haraden, Geo. H., labor	114 00	
Highway Commission, oiling Essex st.	100 00	
Highway Commisson, approaches to Main St. at Gardner and Moulton	150 00	
Jeddrie, Joseph, labor	4 00	
Johnson, Jack, labor	12 50	
Knowlton, Mrs. J. H., gravel	16 15	
Lougee, H. B., labor	4 00	
Lamson, Jno., teams	8 00	
Morton, Fred, labor	20 00	
Morse, Geo., labor	20 00	
Moynihan, T. A., labor	1,252 60	
Moynihan, T. A., teams	1,032 50	
Moynihan, T. A., pipe, supplies, etc.	112 15	
Moynihan, T. A., gravel	97 15	
McGregor, Ernest, labor	8 00	
McGregor, Edward	49 00	
Malone, Samuel, iron work, street signs	5 00	
Mann, Jesse, gravel	28 75	
Forwarded	$4,677 86	$1,260 00

Brought forward	$4,677 86	$1,260 00
New England road machine, repairs	47 40	
Peterson, C. A., stock and labor	20 81	
Penn Metal Co., metal culverts	24 00	
Puritan Iron Works, catch basins	60 00	
Senior, Glen, gravel	3 75	
Smerage, C. A., labor	2 00	
Southwick, Alden, teams	8 00	
Scully, Philip, repairs	1 80	
Townsend, Wm. E., paid out for express, freight, supplies, etc.	24 69	
Whipple, Frank M., teams	60 00	
Whipple, Chas. E., labor	654 90	
Whipple, Chas. E., teams	637 00	
Whipple, Mrs. A. L., gravel	1 20	
		6,223 41
Bridges		
Mann, Jesse, labor and materials	$135 09	
		135 09
Sidewalk Maintenance		
LeTarte, Benj., retaining wall	$84 00	
Moynihan, T. A., teams, labor and gravel	97 00	
Whipple, Chas. E., labor and teams	16 00	
Whipple, Frank, teams	8 00	
		205 00
Oiling		
Alden Spear & Co., oil	$1,256 97	
American Tar Co., oil	210 00	
Adams, Geo. M., teams	56 00	
Barker, E. M., teams	24 00	
Bradstreet, Judson, labor	12 00	
Forwarded	$1,558 97	$7,823 50

Brought forward	$1,558 97	$7,823 50
Buzzell, Fred, labor	94 50	
Fitz, Geo. W., sand and gravel	29 25	
Goodhue, Samuel, labor	10 00	
Johnson, Jack, labor	14 00	
Moynihan, T. A., labor and teams	652 00	
Moynihan, T. A., fuel (heating oil)	33 60	
Moynihan, T. A., sand and gravel	50 50	
Whipple, Chas. E., labor and teams	260 00	
		2,702 82

Road Roller

Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs	$37 55	
Buzzell, Fred, labor	180 00	
Buzzell, Fred, paid out for repairs	2 50	
Bradeen, A. D., paid out for express	59	
Checketts Garage, supplies	75	
Carmino, Francoise, labor and carfare	103 50	
Goodale, Zina, repairs, oil and waste, etc.	24 47	
Hamilton Hardware Store, supplies	9 40	
Lovell, Chas. L., fuel	25 30	
Moynihan, T. A., fuel	29 00	
Odams, Herbert, repairs	3 75	
Scully, Philip, repairs	2 00	
Smith, Walter L., repairs	38 77	
Townsend, W. E., paid out for repairs, etc.	5 91	
		463 49

Guard Rail

Peterson, Chas. A., labor and material	14 95
	$11,004 76

WILLIAM E. TOWNSEND,
Superintendent of Streets.

Report of Board of Health

HAMILTON, 1919

Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The following communicable diseases were reported to this department throughout the year:

4 Diphtheria	4 Scarlet Fever	4 Measles
1 Pulmonary Tuberculosis		3 Mumps

These, a comparative few, show an improvement in the health of the community this year. Also no infection was reported from the above diseases, which reflects credit to the physicians handling the cases.

This department has coöperated with the physicians in every way possible by promptly isolating contagious cases and carefully fumigating when notified.

This department instituted a collection of rubbish in the South Hamilton district, the first Monday of each month, which is recognized by the State Department of Health as a health benefit to any community. And from the generous use of this service we believe the citizens appreciate the convenience.

We receive from time to time much valuable information from the State Department of Health, which we strictly observe as it applies to this town.

The expenses of this department will be found in the financial section of this book.

Respectfully,

AVON D. BRADEEN,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
CHESTER A. FOSTER,
Board of Health.

Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED

1917		
December	28	John Francis, son of Michael and Mary Mullins
1918		
May	11	Jeanne Helen, daughter of Merrick L. and Ethel Hipson
September	24	Roy Everett, Jr., son of Roy Everett and Mary Varnum
1919		
January	8	Mary Olympia, daughter of John and Louise Minichilli
January	17	Gardner Lloyd, son of Edward and Hilda Hutchinson
February	1	Victor Henry, son of Louis and Oseline Tremblay
March	25	Alice Virginia, daughter of Raymond C. and Pauline C. Gould
April	26	Edward Stanley, son of Paul B. and Rachael Merrill
May	14	Albert Pierce, son of Howard and Esther Lougee
May	23	Dorothy May, daughter of Wendell and Helen Dodge
July	22	Mary Magdeline, daughter of Edward and Mamie Carter
July	25	Alice Josephine, daughter of Walter P. and Nora M. Brothers
July	31	Gordon Cutts, Jr., son of Gordon Cutts and Beatrice Vaughan
August	9	Eva Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard and E. Florence Davison

August	12	Eunece Victoria, daughter of Michele and Sara DeLucca
August	15	Harvy Frank, son of Fred and Mildred Saunders
August	20	Marion Evelyn, daughter of Harold and Marion Logan
August	21	Louise Eleanor, daughter of Frederick O. and Roxana Ruth Brigham
September	7	Ruth Alfreda, daughter of Alfred S. and Arabella Amer
September	11	Lillian, daughter of Walter and Martha A. Emeney
September	24	Harry Chester, son of Arthur and May Kirby
November	1	George A., 3d, son of George A., Jr., and Daisy E. Landers
November	2	(Still-born)
November	12	Thomas Patrick, son of Cornelius and Mary Mullins
November	14	Cornelius, son of Dennis and Catherine Moynihan
November	16	Edna Helen, daughter of John and Eliese Lamont
November	19	Donald Burnham, son of Leverett A. and Catherine J. Haskell
November	25	Loring Ralph, son of Loring and Bessie Cullen
November	25	Margaret Mary, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Keough
December	19	John Gilbert, son of Fred and Isabel M. Turpin
December	21	Raymond, son of William J. and Bertha Campbell

December	22	Thomas, son of John and Catherine King
December	29	Leonard Henry, son of Roy Everett and Mary Varnum

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Frederick Edwin McGrath
Mary Agnes Early

Jerry F. Hawkins
Mary Olive Gilman

Leland H. Nichols
Edith E. Anderson

Frank Elmer Jones
Lilian May Allen

James Morris Jeffrey
Mildred Ester Smith

Harold Stewart Johnson
Verdie Ella Thompson Dow

Amos W. A. Fuller
Helen Edith Dodge

Finlay D. MacDonald
Bertha M. Durkee

George W. Dodge
Mary E. Morrissey

Cedric B. McGlauflin
Eleinore E. Grant

DEATHS RECORDED

1919			yrs.	mos.	days
Feb.	15	Gustave Ferdinand Miller	43	1	20
Mar.	7	Loring Wilson Dodge	38	9	7
Mar.	24	Bertha M. Jones	58	0	20
Apr.	11	Frederick M. Adams	64	9	25

			yrs.	mos.	days
May	5	William H. Dodge	86	8	20
May	19	Annie H. White	63		
May	30	Hazel D. Pettipas	24	0	13
June	7	K. Ella Holmes	72	9	28
June	13	Thomas J. Walsh	26	11	23
June	15	Sabina Janina Chazinski	1	5	29
June	26	Peter Smith	59		
June	27	Eveline A. Pearson	80	1	19
July	25	Edwin J. Ricketts	26	10	14
July	28	Emery A. Lawrence	84	8	7
Sept.	7	Nathaniel Stone Simpkins	58	4	7
Sept.	4	Bessie Day	31	11	11
Sept.	17	John Brown	69		
Nov.	1	George E. Roberts	68	8	21
Nov.	2	(Still-born)			
Nov.	2	Isabella Forniss	69	4	18
Nov.	4	Laura G. Dodge	49	4	25
Nov.	19	Patrick McGrath	70		
Dec.	3	Susan Thompson	82	11	4
Dec.	24	Sarah Hollinshead	90	0	2
	Brought into town:				
Mar.	26	Ella F. Burke	52		
Aug.	13	Lucretia Ball	70	1	25
Sept.	6	Ellen A. Riggs	78	7	
Oct.	10	Hattie S. McNeil	54	7	26

Registration

There were six meetings of the Registrars of Voters for registration. Three were at the Engine House, So. Hamilton, and three at the Town Hall.

A total of 48 male and 2 female voters were added to list, making total registration:

Males	378
Females	101

Dog Licenses

There were issued the past year dog licenses as follows:

92 males
31 females
7 breeders' licenses

Paid County of Essex $588.

Hunters' Licenses

The issue of Hunters' and Trappers' licenses were as follows:

Hunters' (citizen)	96
Hunters' (alien)	1
Minors' trapping (free)	40

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, $96.45.

Other Licenses

3 Pool licenses	$8.00
5 Oleo permits	2.50

Paid Town Treasurer, $10.50.

TOWN MEETINGS

There were four town meetings in 1919, as follows:

Regular, March 11
Special, May 26
Special, August 5
Special, November 24

Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting:

From Revenue	$74,212.00
From Surplus	5,072.63

Appropriations at Special Town Meetings:

From Revenue	$1,200.00
From Surplus	200.00

Result of Annual Town Election, March 11, 1919:

Total vote	368
By men	310
By women	58

Those marked with (*) elected:

Moderator	*Robert B. Walsh	233
Selectmen	*Arthur C. Cummings	208
	*Chester A. Foster	204
	*Avon D. Bradeen	185
	George H. Gibney	156
	Harry M. Durham	23
Board of Health and Overseers	*Arthur C. Cummings	217
	*Chester A. Foster	198
	*Avon D. Bradeen	191
	George H. Gibney	155
Town Clerk	*Clarence S. Knowlton	274
Assessor 3 yrs.	*Jesse S. Mann	174
	Merrill S. Lovering	99
Assessor 2 yrs.	*George M. Adams	224
Treasurer	*John L. Woodbury	271
Tax Collector	*Charles W. Appleton	192
	George W. Fitz	107
Tree Warden	*Erle G. Brewer	241
Constables	*Charles H. Smith	256
	*Alfred T. Poole	246
	*Leroy S. Dodge	244
School Committee	*Florence M. Lull	179
	Merrill S. Lovering	159
Trustee Public Library	*Arthur W. Chandler	214
Cemetery Commissioner	*Francis C. Norton	183
	Addison B. Towle	76
Park Commissioner 3 yrs.	*George K. Knowlton	197
	Edward A. Underhill	38
	Ernest L. Rutherford	11
Park Commissioner 1 yr.	*Edward J. Ready	175
	Edward A. Underhill	16
License	Yes	154
	No	138

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

Town Clerk.

Report of Assessors

Value of buildings	$2,053,230 00	
Value of land	1,333,710 00	
Value of real estate		$3,386,940 00
Value of tangible personal		634,527 00
Total valuation		$4,021,467 00
Tax on real estate	$35,562 87	
Tax on personal	6,662 53	
Tax on polls	858 00	
Total tax		$43,083 40
Moth tax		1,370 51
Rate per thousand		10 50

Number of horses	247
" " cows	149
" " sheep	40
" " neat cattle other than cows	26
" " swine	52
" " fowls	1,755
" " dwellings	848
" " acres of land	8,491
" " residents assessed on property	616
All others	56
" " non-residents assessed on propery	457
All others	62
" " Polls assessed	492
" " Polls only	13
" " persons assessed	1,194

Town Expenses

Town appropriations (from revenue)	$75,412 00	
State tax	8,360 00	
State tax, special	501 60	
State highway tax	1,504 97	
State audit	111 86	
County tax	6,170 17	
Total expenses		$92,060 60

Estimated Receipts

From Income Tax 1919	$35,059 02	
From Income Tax 1917	250 00	
From Income Tax 1918	500 00	
From Bank Tax	1,200 00	
From Corporation Tax	4,500 00	
Street Railway Tax (Corporation)	527 70	
Street Railway Tax (Excise)	1,124 08	
Moth Tax	1,100 00	
Charity	1,000 00	
State Aid	410 00	
Liquor License	1,262 50	
Income Tax (teachers' salaries)	3,050 00	
All other	500 00	
Total estimated revenue		$50,483 30
Amount of levy on property		$41,577 30

George H. Gibney,
George M. Adams,
Jesse S. Mann,

Assessors.

Report of Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I wish to submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1919.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 24, divided as follows:

Males	21
Females	3
Native born	23
Foreign born	1
Adults	15
Minors	9
Residents	10
Non-residents	14

RECAPITULATION

Crimes against the person	2
Crimes against property	2
Crimes against public order	20
Persons committed to station	7
Persons arrested on warrants	11

OFFENCES

Manslaughter	1
Violation of automobile law	2
Non-support	1
Assault	1
Drunkenness	2
Breaking and entering	1
Vagrants	4
Disturbing the peace	3
Breaking glass	1
Fornication	6
Bastardy	1
Disorderly house keeping	1

Disposition

Released	2
Defaulted	6
Fined	3
Probated	5
Filed	3
Appealed	2
Continued	1
Grand Jury	2

Arrests Made by Officers

Poole	12
Smith, W. L.	8
Wood	4

Officers Attendance at Court

Poole	12
Perley	2
Smith, W. L.	7
Smith, C. H.	1
Saunders	1
Wood	5

Hours of Duty Performed by Officers

Adams	17½	Perley	417½
Dodge	135	Smith, W. L.	291
Deneen	106	Smith, C. H.	96
Hoy	143	Saunders	365
Haraden	114	Wood	99
Little	9		

Complaints Received and Investigated

Poole	31	Perley	31
Adams	0	Little	1
Dodge	4	Smith, W. L.	8
Deneen	1	Smith, C. H.	6
Hoy	1	Wood	15
Haraden	3	Saunders	3

Miscellaneous

Automobiles reported stolen	1
Automobiles found and recovered	1
Bicycles reported stolen	1
Bicycles found and recovered	2
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	$220
Other property found and recovered, value about	$40
Complaints investigated	194
Fires extinguished	1
Buildings found open	1
Disturbances	6
Dogs killed	1
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	19
Summons served	16
Search warrants served	3
Lights reported out	23
Obstructions removed	3
Dangerous wires reported	5
Letters, postal cards, and circulars received	105
Letters, postal cards, and notices sent out	320
Accidents reported	8
Accidents resulting in death	2
Persons taken to hospital	6
Persons committed to State Hospital (Danvers)	3
Persons receiving assistance	12
Police assistance to out of town officers	12
Police assisting out of town officers	7
Inquests attended, and witnesses summoned for same	1
Court attendance (by all officers),	28
Reports to Prison Commission	1
Reports to Highway Commission	1

Property Found or Recovered, at Chief's Office, Unclaimed

One bicycle, one lap robe, one boy's coat.

I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted me or any member of the department; and also the Selectmen for their kindness to me during my illness.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. POOLE,
Chief of Police.

Report of Fire Engineers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen: We wish to submit the fifth annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919. During the year 1919, the company responded to fifteen (15) calls, a smaller percentage than two years previous, showing that the citizens are using more care in regard to fires, and also helping the Fire Department as much as possible. We were fortunate enough in not having any large or serious fires,—mostly grass and chimneys. At a meeting held at the Engine House, Nov. 10, 1919, composed of the Engineers and Firemen, the matter of a new Engine House was brought up for discussion. The members present, including the Engineers, voted to see what action the Town would take at the Annual Town Meeting in erecting a new fire house, as the Town had bought the land where the old one now stands.

FIRES FOR YEAR 1919

Date	Owner	Street	Dist. No.	Cause
Feb. 3	A. C. Burrage, Jr.	Main	21	Grass
Feb. 4	Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.	End of Park	21	Grass
Mar. 26	Myopia Club	Miles River rd.	21	Grass
Apr. 3	F. J. Alley	Winthrop	32	Grass
Apr. 4	Newell Burnham	Essex	14	Grass
Apr. 21	Bertha M. Jones	Linden	21	Bonfire
May 3	Mrs. Susan Nickerson	Washington ave.	31	Bonfire
May 8	Richard Smith	Union	21	Grass
July 5	Archie Moore	Eastern ave.	13	Chimney
July 12	A. C. Burrage, Jr.	Main	23	Hay
July 13	Thomas Appleton	School & Essex	13	Pig pen
Sept. 8	———	Main	55	Broken wires
Oct. 23	Wm. E. Choate	Asbury	31	Chimney
Nov. 22	Olivia E. Hayes	Willow	21	Oil stove
Dec. 26	W. Donaldson	Asbury	21	Chimney

Burning rubbish, grass and brush beyond control	3
Grass, unknown	4
Grass by locomotives	2
Hot ashes	0
Stoves	1
Matches	0
Chimneys	3
Broken wires	1
Building	1

The board recommends that in case of a fire to follow carefully the instructions on the red card given to every installed telephone, with directions what to do in case of fire, as a delay may mean a loss of time, and a fire gaining a headway too great to overcome.

Cards may be obtained from the Chief of the Fire Department.

The board also recommends that due care should be used in burning rubbish and grass in the spring; also to see that the fire is extinguished before leaving it.

Thanking every one who has assisted the department in the past year, we beg to remain,

Respectfully,

GEORGE F. PENDEXTER,
ERLE G. BREMER,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,
RODNEY H. ADAMS,
FRANK DANE,

Board of Engineers.

Report of Welcome Home Committee

Mr. Moderator:

Under the authority of the vote at the regular Town Meeting, March 11, and the special Town Meeting, May 26, 1919, you appointed a committee of fifteen and five, respectively, total twenty members, for the purpose of welcoming home soldiers and sailors of Hamilton, who entered the service of our country in the World War.

After seven meetings of the committee it was decided to give the following program at the Town Hall, Saturday, Aug. 30, 1919, in honor of:

Adams, Randall E.
Anderson, Carl C.
Anderson, Samuel
Anderson, William A.

Berry, Ralph C.
Brown, Charles R.
Brumby, William Leo
Burke, John
Burns, John F.
Burrage, Albert C., Jr.
Burton, Percival W.

Caverly, John Harold
Chittick, Robert H., Jr.
Codman, Julian
Cook, Horace S.
Cox, John Edward, Jr.
Cross, Stephen I.
Curtis, Mary

Daley, Frederick M.
Daley, Harold A.
Daley, Victor W.
Daley, Walter F.
Davis, Charles H.
Davis, K. Stoughton
Day, Alvah I.
Day, Ernest F.
Day, Norman L.
Diggins, William M.
Divino, Patsy
Dodge, Louis H.
Donaldson, George C.
Dukett, Alexander E.
Duran, Hugh
Duran, Peter J.
Durkee, Lester S.

Eckhoff, Olaus
Elder, William F.

Feener, Lester C.
Felton, Cornelius C.
Folsom, Hiram T.
Fraser, Peter E.
Fuller, Amos W. A.

Gallagher, Michael
Gerry, Joseph
Gibney, Clarence W.
Gibney, James Norman
Goodhue, William
Gorman, Leo F.
Grant, Silas Warren
Green, Walter

Haraden, Edward H.
Haraden, Rudolph H.
Haraden, Samuel T.
Hickey, John M.
Hodgson, James C.
Holm, Gustave F.
Hughes, James J.

Jones, William T.
Joyce, Patrick

Koloski, Peter

Landers, William M.
Low, Burton A.
Low, Gardner B.

MacDonald, Finley D.
MacGregor, Harry R.
Macri, Francesco
Marcepoil, Paul
McGinn, Arthur
McGinley, Daniel P.
McGinley, John J.
McGlauflin, Cedric B.
McGlauflin, Charles A.
Merriil, James J.
Merry, Harold
Meyer, George von L.
Moses, Adelaide
Mullins, Robert

O'Leary, John M.
O'Brien, Patrick J.

Parsons, Everett E.
Peatfield, Irving L.
Perkins, Frank Kenneth
Pitman, Hiram N.
Pitman, Ephraim A.
Poole, James E.
Porter, Harold E.
Price, George
Price, Herbert
Price, William
Proctor, James H.
Proctor, Thomas E., 2d

Ramsdell, Frank H.
Rice, Neil W.
Richardson, Arthur F.
Robbins, Reginald C.

Sharpe, Mildred
Small, George Ritchie
Smith, Joseph H., Jr.
Sortwell, Alvin F.
Sullivan, Michael J.

Taylor, William
Thompson, Leland D.
Thompson, John
Toner, Reginald
Tucker, Joseph
Tuckerman, Bayard, Jr.

Varnum, Clarence L.
Varnum, Roy E.
Vaughan, Gordon C.

Wallace, William J.
Whipple, Percival D.

In Memoriam

Major Augustus P. Gardner
Lieutenant Samuel P. Mandell
Sergeant-Major William J. Collins
Corporal William W. L. Taylor
Private Reginald Young
Private Lester B. Hodgson

They shall not be forgotten

Program

Band Concert *Sports*
Presentation of Medals
Banquet
Entertainment *Dance*

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the band concert and sports were postponed to Sept. 6, when they were held on the Polo Field of the Myopia Hunt Club.

Suitable bronze medals were presented to the service men by the Board of Selectmen and a reception accorded to them by the entire Welcome Home Committee. Silver medals of a like design were later presented in private to the nearest kin of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

While the banquet tables were being arranged a line was formed and everyone shook hands with Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, who commanded the heroic 26th Division.

A sumptuous banquet was opened with prayer by Rev. Frank H. Luce. After the repast was enjoyed the following speakers were heard:

Major-General Clarence R. Edwards
Congressman W. W. Lufkin
Rev. William H. Ryder
Sergeant Wilson

High-class entertainment and dancing throughout the evening, accompanied by Day's orchestra.

Bronze medals have now been delivered to 92 Roll of Honor men. Eighteen have not been delivered. These can be obtained from the Town Clerk or upon request will be sent by registered mail. Herewith find expenses in detail, Oct. 25, 1919:

BILLS PAID 1919

March 17	
Allen Show Print, posters	$6 93
August 11	
Whitehead & Hoag Co., 109 bronze, 6 silver medals	212 29
Avon D. Bradeen, postage	3 00
C. A. Foster, trip to Boston, carfare, expenses	2 50
C. S. Knowlton, trip to Boston, carfare, expenses	2 50
E. J. Ready, cash for prizes, sports	35 00
September 2	
Harold Cox Co., entertainers	50 00
Whitehead & Hoag Co., Welcome Home buttons	72 95
Whitehead & Hoag Co., badges for committee	6 46
Commonwealth Cigar Co., cigars	35 28
G. F. Pendexter, cigarettes	12 00
Gertrude Haskell, entertaining	5 00
Frank R. Shaller, tuning piano and new castor	3 00
Avon D. Bradeen, postage	2 00
George W. Gunn, place cards	3 50
Greenlaw Electric Co., electrical decorations	54 00
Wm. Jones, flowers for tables and tablets	13 00
September 8	
Andrew Schlehuber, banquet, cones, etc.	743 00
B. C. McSheehy, band	127 50
Day's orchestra, music	93 00
W. W. Bancroft, dance platform and steps	80 00
George G. Hill, interior decorations	50 00

George A. Schofield, Jr., printing	44 50
White Entertainment Bureau, entertainers	16 50
Mothers' Club, ice cream cones	13 30
T. A. Moynihan, teaming	12 00
R. M. Bailey, stenographic work	6 00
Joseph Jeddrie, tickets	1 35
G. F. Pendexter, baseballs	9 00
William J. Daley, cornmeal	2 80
September 15	
A. M. Pattillo, chairs for banquet	30 00
J. N. Hemeon, jitney	25 00
September 22	
G. H. Haraden, labor, and paid for lime	10 40
September 29	
Henry T. Smith, engraving silver medals	4 35
C. S. Knowlton, carfare to Boston (2 trips)	3 00
October 13	
Ward's, engraving and printing	28 00
Total payments to date	$1,819 11

At the eighth meeting of the Welcome Home Committee held Oct. 27, 1919, it was voted:

To purchase ten more bronze medals,— one to be given to the Massachusetts Historical Society, the others to be presented to those properly entitled to same	16 63
To provide those in the service and the sick at the time of celebration with means of entertainment	90 00
Baseball	5 00
Total payments to date	$1,930 74
Unexpended balance	27 89
	$1,958 63

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Meeting, Mar. 11	$500 00	
Special Town Meeting, Aug. 5	1,200 00	
Welcome Home buttons, sold	58 63	
Special Town Meeting, Nov. 24	200 00	
		$1,958 63

We wish to thank the Girl Scouts and all others who assisted in making the Welcome Home celebration a success.

Respectfully,

CHESTER A. FOSTER,
SAMUEL A. MALONE
JOHN G. CORCORAN
TIMOTHY A. MOYNIHAN
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON
EDWARD J. READY
FRANK P. TRUSSELL
LESTER M. WHIPPLE
HOUSTON A. THOMAS
ERLE G. BREWER
AVON D. BRADEEN
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS
ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.
JOHN E. COX
OSCAR A. WOOD
WILLIAM J. DALEY
JOHN L. WOODBURY
ROBERT B. WALSH
JOSEPH JEDDRIE
EDWARD L. MCGARRY

Welcome Home Committee.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

In making our report this year, we have to say that the appropriation of five hundred dollars ($500) has been hardly sufficient to meet the real need of work to be done in the cemetery. The larger part of it has been expended for labor and material on avenues.

A splendid driven well has been put in the new ground on the corner of Highland and Grove avenues, which will give a plentiful supply of water to this part of the cemetery.

Six English maple trees have been set in front of the face wall on Broadway avenue.

Mr. Erle G. Brewer very kindly offered to dig up the trees and set them out if we would purchase them from the owner, which we did.

Other general expenses exhausted the appropriation and so left necessary work still to be done. Therefore we recommend an appropriation of $500.

On the third day of last November, after a long illness, Mr. George E. Roberts, who had been our faithful superintendent of the cemetery seventeen years, was laid to rest where he spent so much of his life work.

Mr. George H. Haraden has been acting superintendent during most of the past year.

George K. Knowlton,
Francis C. Norton,
Geo. H. Gibney,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Park Commissioners

In making our report of the small central park on Main Street we have to say that a little less than one-half of the appropriation has been expended for its care this year.

As this place is used mostly as a recreation ground for children, the Commissioners wish to keep it in good condition, and sufficiently supplied with swings, seats and other things necessary for their amusement and convenience.

An appropriation of twenty-five dollars ($25) will probably be sufficient for this purpose.

George K. Knowlton,
Edward J. Ready,
Francis C. Norton,
Park Commissioners.

Report of Public Library Trustees
1919

Your Trustees report a most satisfactory year in the work of the Public Library.

The attendance and interest in the branch reading room at South Hamilton, established a year ago, grow with the improved facilities for reading and consultation, without diminishing the demands at the main library.

Every effort has been made to meet the varying demands for the newest popular books and to also build up a reference department that may become a useful adjunct to the School Department.

The Trustees are considering the advisability of procuring larger quarters for the branch with better heating facilities than are at present obtainable, which is one of the most serious problems that they have had to face.

It is also contemplated inaugurating a "Book Suggestion System," whereby readers may recommend books that they deem desirable in the library. The Trustees welcome any suggestions from the reading public that will improve the present service.

As to the statistics relating to new books, purchases, gifts received, the increase in readers, and other similar matters, we refer to the Librarian's report for details.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH,
FRANCIS C. NORTON,
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,
Trustees.

Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library,

Gentlemen: My fourth annual report is herewith submitted:

During the year 1919 the work of the library has advanced smoothly. Many books of reference for the schools have been added to the South Branch, beside a complete set of the Works of Charles Dickens, and every week some new books are added.

The library has received the gift of a fine set of books on birds from Miss Heloise Meyer, of Lenox, Mass.; also other gifts of books from Mrs. Julian Codman and Miss Ella Rankins, of Hamilton.

New copies of standard and very popular books are being added to the library every month to take the place of those that have become worn out by constant use.

The circulation of books remains practically the same as last year.

The library is open from 3 to 5 on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and from 7 to 9 on Saturday evenings.

The South Branch is open from 3 to 9 on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and evenings.

Annie S. Preston,
Librarian.

About 300 books of reference and of fiction have been added to the library during the year 1919; also the following list of books:

BIOGRAPHY AND LETTERS

Austin, Geo. L.
Life of Wendell Phillips B.P.14
Bishop, Jos. B.
Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children 817-5B
Hagerdorn, Herman.
Boys' Life of Roosevelt B.R.9
Lang, John.
The Story of Joan of Arc 9207L
Long, Geo. M. A.
Meditations of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus B.A.14
Ley, J. W. T.
The Dickens Circle 920L.3
Tomlinson, Everett A.
The Story of Gen. Pershing B.P.15

TRAVELS

Gwynn, Stephen.
The Famous Cities of Ireland 914G.
Kilbourne, Fred W.
Chronicles of the White Mountains 974.22K
Kulins, Oscar.
Switzerland 914K1
Marshall, Logan.
Seeing America 917M.
Thomas, William S.
Trails and Tramps in Alaska and Newfoundland 18T
Thurston, E. Temple.
A Journey Through English Waterways 914T
Bryant, Sarah Cone.
I Am An American 917B1
Coffin, Chas. C.
The Boys of '61 973.7C

Davis, F. Hadland
Japan, From the Age of the Gods to the Fall of Tsing Tau 952D
Ferrero, Jos.
Ferrero's New Short History of Rome 938F
Grenfell, Wilfred
Labrador Days 9719G.
Griffis, Wm. E.
Bonnie Scotland and What We Owe Her 914G.
Simonds, Frank H.
History of the World War 4000SI
Tucker, T. G.
Life in Ancient Athens 930T
Yonge, Charlotte M.
Young Folks' History of Greece 938Y

MISCELLANEOUS

Cobb, Ernest
Garden Steps 6308C
Martin, Martha E.
The Ways of the Planets 230M.
Spencer, Herbert.
First Principles 100S
Rooosevelt, Theodore.
The Great Adventure 3295R.
Roberts, H. Armstrong.
Commercial Poultry Raising 635.5R
Utter, Robt. P.
A Guide to Good English 808M
Verrill, A. Hyatt.
How to Operate a Motor Car 621.17V

List of Jurors

Harold M. Dodge, blacksmith, School St.
George I. Dodge, golf instructor, Asbury St.
Fred F. Stillings, farmer, Bridge St.
Ernest M. Barker, farmer, Bridge St.
Merrill F. Lovering, carpenter, Asbury St.
William E. Townsend, Supt. of Streets, Willow St.
Fred Haskell, painter, Park St.
Jno. Lamson, farmer, Highland St.
Rodney Adams, farmer, Highland St.
Frank Dane, foreman, Moulton St.
John F. Smith, bank clerk, Union St.
Charles A. Smerage, railroad conductor, Rust St.
Henry Rogers, motorman, Park St.
Washington A. Patch, salesman, Walnut St.
John E. Cox, foreman, Main St.
James P. Smith, attorney, Union st.
Roscoe Caverly, merchant, Gardner St.
Edward P. Gibney, plumber, Willow St.
Edward J. Ready, ticket agent, Asbury St.
Rudolph H. Haraden, forester, Bridge St.

TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 1920

Manchester, Mass.
NORTH SHORE BREEZE CO.
1920

Report of Finance and Advisory Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your committee has examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the Town, and to provide for the payment of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and has also investigated all requests calling for the appropriations of money in the various Articles of the Town Warrant; and, after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

You will notice under "Memorandum of Salaries and Fees," no set up against the Assessors' Department. This we deem wise because of our present state law, Section 99, Chapter 135, amended April 25, 1919, which reads as follows: Each assessor shall be paid by his city or town three dollars and fifty cents a day for each whole day in which he is employed in that service, and such additional compensation as the city or town shall allow.

Your committee has made the following transfers from the Reserve Fund during the past year:

August 11, 1919		
Valuation Book	$182 94	
August 26		
Legislative Committee	50 00	
Police	500 00	
December 31		
Town Clerk	19 45	
Election and Registration	46 15	
Police	162 33	
Health	3 42	
Highway	4 76	
Soldiers' Relief	50 01	
Cemetery	3 60	
		$1,022 66

We would also recommend that the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances be authorized to prepare as soon as possible, such by-laws and ordinances, and report at a special Town Meeting.

This is a year of increased appropriations, due to the increased cost of living; unless your assessors are able to find more tangible personal and real estate property, our taxes for the year 1920 will be very much larger than in 1919. Let us therefore be economcial in appropriations voted and thus assure the prosperity of the Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, Salaries and Fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of Salaries and Fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations.

To raise and appropriate money for:

	Appropriated 1919	Called for 1920	Recommended 1920
Street Lighting	$5,222 00	$5,400 00	$5,400 00
Highway	11,000 00	11,000 00	11,000 00
Poor Department	4,500 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Aid	500 00	500 00	500 00
Soldiers' Relief and Military Aid	600 00	700 00	700 00
Town Hall	1,600 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Fire Department	1,200 00	1,250 00	1,250 00
Cemetery	500 00	500 00	500 00
Park Commission	25 00	25 00	25 00
Tree Warden	300 00	800 00	800 00

	Appropriated 1919	Called for 1920	Recommended 1920
Selectmen	1,000 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Assessors	800 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Treasurer	650 00	650 00	650 00
Collector	700 00	800 00	800 00
Accounting	900 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Town Clerk	300 00	450 00	450 00
Police	1,800 00	2,235 00	2,235 00
Snow Removal	1,500 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Finance Committee	25 00	25 00	25 00
Board of Health	500 00	500 00	500 00
Printing Town Reports	275 00	275 00	275 00
Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth Work	4,700 00	4,350 00	4,350 00
Memorial Day	50 00	50 00	50 00
School House Loans	1,980 00	1,980 00	1,980 00
Interest on Tax Loans	2,535 00	2,060 00	*2,060 00
Boiler Insurance	100 00	55 00	55 00
Schools	28,534 94	37,875 00	34,500 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	125 00	150 00	150 00
Election & Registration	500 00	765 00	765 00
Moderator	10 00	50 00	50 00
Legal Expenses	100 00	100 00	100 00
Certifying Town Notes	10 00	10 00	10 00
Cattle Inspector	60 00	60 00	60 00
Town Clock	50 00	50 00	50 00
Public Library	1,200 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Forest Fire Warden	25 00	25 00	25 00
War Fund	250 00	225 00	225 00
Reserve Fund	**1,022 66	1,000 00	*1,000 00
	$75,149 60	$86,115 00	$82,740 00

*Recommended from Excess and Deficiency Fund.
**Transferred during year 1919.

MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES INCLUDED IN FOREGOING APPROPRIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4

Selectmen, Chairman	$350 00	Overseers of Poor,	
2d member	250 00	Chairman	$50 00
3d member	250 00	2d member	25 00
Treasurer	500 00	3d member	25 00
Collector	500 00	Registrars, $50 each	200 00
Town Clerk, salary	300 00	Election Officers and	
Allowance for expenses and fees	150 00	Tellers, $6 each	282 00
Town Accountant	1,000 00	Moderator, $10 per	
Board of Health,		meeting	50 00
Chairman	50 00	Sealer	75 00
2d member	25 00	Forest Fire Warden	10 00
3d member	25 00	Allowance for fees of	
		Cattle Inspector	60 00

	Called for by Article	Recommended
ARTICLE 5.		
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdraft in Assessors' Department	$265 64	$265 64

ARTICLE 6.

Relocation of Waldingfield Road.

Recommended, that the County and abutters pay two-thirds; the Town to pay one-third, not to exceed $1,000.00.

	Called for by Article	Recommended
ARTICLE 7. Industrial School Tuition	500 00	$500 00
ARTICLE 8. $36,000.00 additional insurance upon the South School	1,260 00	Recommended, that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and ascertain value of all school buildings and report to the School Committee, they to be empowered to place insurance sufficient to cover, and that $2,000 be appropriated to pay the premium for a five-year term.
ARTICLE 9. High School Building.		After investigation the Committee regret that they are obliged to recommend that no action be taken on Article 9 at the present time.
ARTICLE 10. Fire and Police Building.		In view of conditions, this committee feels that only such appeals should be recommended that are directly beneficial to the community, the efficiency of the departments not being questioned. We do not recommend Article 10.

Called for by Article	mended Recom-
ARTICLE 11. Meeting place for the Augustus P. Gardner Post, No. 194, American Legion.	No appropriation being asked for, action by this committee is not necessary.
ARTICLE 12. One Street Light on Rust St.	Recommended, be taken from regular Street Lighting appropriation.
ARTICLE 13. Borrowing after Jan. 1, 1920, in anticipation of revenue. We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow as set forth in this article of the Warrant.	
ARTICLE 14. Borrowing after Jan. 1, 1921, in anticipation of taxes. We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow as set forth in this article of the Warrant.	
ARTICLE 15. Collection of taxes.	Recommended and that all such receipts be deposited in the bank, at least once a week.

GRAND TOTAL OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

From surplus	$3,325 64	
From taxes	83,180 00	
From all sources		$86,505 64

Corresponding totals in 1919, appropriated in four Town Meetings, as follows:

From surplus	$5,272 63	
From taxes	75,412 00	
From all sources		$80,684 63

Respectfully yours,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, *Chairman,*
EDWARD J. READY, *Secretary.*
GEORGE VON L. MEYER,
WASHINGTON A. PATCH,
PHILLIP SCULLY,

Finance and Advisory Committee,
Town of Hamilton.

Warrant
for the
Annual Town Meeting

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty, at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for

Moderator, for one year.
Town Clerk, for one year.
Three Selectmen, for one year.
Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers, three for one year.
Treasurer, for one year.
Tax Collector, for one year.
Tree Warden, for one year.
Three Constables, for one year.
One Assessor, for three years.
One Library Trustee, for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.
One Park Commissioner, for three years.
One member of the School Committee, for three years.

And to vote on the following:

Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The Polls will open at fifteen minutes before six o'clock (5.45 o'clock A. M.) and close at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Article 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of Highways, Town Ways and Bridges and all Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate money from Excess and Deficiency fund to meet overdrafts in the following account:

Assessors	$265.64

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take towards relocating Waldingfield Road as laid out by the County Commissioners, plan of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate $500 to pay the tuition of Hamilton students in the Beverly Industrial School, as requested by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to place $36,000 additional insurance upon the South School and appropriate $1,260 for the same, or take any action relative thereto, as petitioned by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 9. To see what action the Town will take toward the erection of a High School building, as petitioned for by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action the Town will take towards erecting a building for the use of the Fire and Police Departments, and to raise a sum of money for the same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned by George F. Pendexter and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three to consider securing a suitable meeting place for the Augustus P. Gardner Post, No. 194, of the American Legion, and pass any vote or votes in relation thereto, as petitioned by Silas W. Grant and others.

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town will take towards installing one electric street light on Rust Street near the residence of John J. Rhodes, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned by John J. Rhodes and others.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1920, in anticipation of the revenue of said financial year, the sum of $15,000 in addition to the sum of $40,000 already authorized, making $55,000 in all, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid for from the revenue of current financial year.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year, beginning Jan. 1, 1921, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid for from revenue of said financial year.

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 25, Section 75, of the Revised Laws.

Article 16. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the South Hamilton Postoffice and one at the Town Hall, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this second day of February, A. D., 1920.

Chester A. Foster,
Arthur C. Cummings,
Avon D. Bradeen,

Selectmen of Hamilton.

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR THE YEAR

1919

Manchester, Mass.
NORTH SHORE BREEZE CO.
1920

School Committee's Report

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1919:

ORGANIZATION

Robert Robertson, Jr., *Chairman*	Term expires 1921
Adelaide D. Walsh,	Term expires 1920
Florence M. Lull, *Secretary*	Term expires 1922

Adelaide D. Walsh,	*Purchasing Agent*
Harvey R. Williams,	*Superintendent*
John G. Corcoran, M. D.,	*School Physician*

The School Committee makes its annual report to the Town of Hamilton for the year just closed with the feeling that much progress has been made in the past year, which is due to the faithful, conscientious and enthusiastic work of the superintendent, principals and teachers.

For changes in the staff of teachers, details of work accomplished, and the needs of our schools, reference is made to the reports of Supt. Williams and Principal Archibald; but your committee cannot refrain from again calling attention to the handicap under which the work is being done, because of lack of room and equipment. With the opening of school next September the conditions will be worse than at pesent, and nothing short of a modern High School building will meet the urgent need of the schools of Hamilton.

During the summer vacation the Center School was thoroughly renovated inside, as was also the North School, which latter, because of the increased number of pupils, was reopened last September with Miss Ruth G. Brunt as teacher.

The transportation of the 9th and Senior High pupils, who live long distances from the South School, is a problem which your committee has found impossible to solve under existing

conditions. All pupils from the West district and 7th and 8th grade pupils from other sections are transported by three horse-drawn vehicles, the total annual expense at present being $2500. Your committee feels that it would be desirable to furnish transportation for other High School pupils living far away, but has not seen its way clear to do so on account of the difference in the sessions of the High School and the Grades, the High School opening at 8 A. M. and closing at 1 P. M., while the Grades open at 9 A. M. and close at 3.30 P. M. To transport the High School pupils under these conditions would require a duplication of transportation facilities and a doubling of expense.

If the Senior and Junior High Schools were placed upon the same basis as to hours, opening and closing at the same time, four horse-drawn vehicles would be able to do the work.

With the expectation of bringing about some arrangement by which the High School pupils can be transported to and from the South School, the committee has included in its budget the sum of $1000 for this purpose.

The Town is charged with the tuition of Hamilton students in the Beverly Industrial School, and for that purpose the Committee recommends an appropriation of $500.

The insurance upon the South School building in the opinion of your committee is inadequate, there being but $12,900 on building and $1100 on contents. Your committee recommends a special appropriation of $1260, to bring the insurance on South School up to $50,000.

Because of the greatly increased cost of text books, and all school equipment and supplies, and the necessity of making a substantial increase in the salaries of our teachers, the committee recommends an appropriation of $37,875 for the maintenance of the schools for the year 1920.

Robert Robertson, Jr.,
Adelaide D. Walsh,
Florence M. Lull,
School Committee.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919

RESOURCES

Appropriation by Town	$27,000 00	
Appropriation for old bills	1,203 71	
Dog tax	331 23	
Total		$28,534 94

EXPENDITURES

General Expenses

School Committee		$126 07	
Superintendence and enforcement of law:			
Superintendent's salary		25 00	
Attendance officer's salary		50 00	
Other expenses		33 87	
Total			$1,034 94

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisor: Salary		$363 75	
Teachers:			
Salary of principal	$1,840 00		
High assistants	$4,940 00		
Elementary teachers	9,558 75		
		16,338 75	
Textbooks: High	156 36		
Elementary	187 72		
		344 08	
Supplies: High	442 34		
Elementary	738 49		
		1,180 83	
Total			18,227 41

Expenses of Operation			
Janitors' wages: High	$567 20		
Elementary	1,009 70		
		1,576 90	
Fuel: High	682 30		
Elementary	1,221 35		
		1,903 65	
Repairs		1,094 51	
Total			4,575 06
Auxiliary Agencies			
Health	$300 00		
Transportation	3,000 00		
Total		3,300 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Sundries		365 94	
Outlay			
New equipment		1,029 21	
Total			4,695 15
Total expenditures			$28,532 56
Balance unexpended			2 38
Appropriations for 1919			28,534 94

Center School Repairs			
Appropriation		$400 00	
Expenditures		188 57	
Balance unexpended			$211 43
Evening School Account			
Appropriation		$400 00	
Payments January, 1919	$70 50		
Industrial School tuition	48 60		
Total		119 10	
Balance unexpended			$280 90

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Hamilton,

Ladies and Gentleman: I have the honor to present herewith my third annual report of the condition and progress of the Hamilton schools for the year ending December 31, 1919:

In my opinion it is very unfortunate that the law provides for a report upon the work of the schools in practically the middle of the school year. Nearly all changes in teachers, graduations and promotions, re-classification of children and other changes incident to the closing of schools in June and reopening in September come in point of time about half a year before the regular report of the School Department has to be made. When this report reaches the people, attendance statistics, graduation data, and other material of interest at the close of the schools in June, will be about eight months old and will be of no interest and of little value except as a matter of record. However, that is the plan required by law and we shall attempt to record in addition to the data required by law, such information as should be of interest to every citizen of the Town.

TEACHERS

Resignations During the Year

George H. Woods	Music Supervisor
Doris M. Paine	High School
Anna G. Haskins	High School
Helen J. Mullane	Junior High
Helen M. Pierce	Junior High
Catherine Shurtleff	Household Arts

Appointments

(Mrs.) Mabel B. Howd, Brookline	Music Supervisor
Josephine Rice, Milton	High School, English & History
Elizabeth C. Horan, Hamilton	High School, Asst. Com'l. Dept.
Jas. A. Cronin, Beverly	Jr. High, Math. & Phys. Education
Elizabeth Clarke, Salem,	Jr. High, History (2-5 time)
Alice G. Steutermann, Danvers	Asst. in grades 3 to 6 inc.
Ruth J. Gould, Walpole	Household Arts (3-5 time)
Ruth G. Brunt, Cambridge	North School

The above lists show that about one-third of the teachers in Hamilton changed during the past year, and that all but one of these changes came at the end of the year, in June. In spite of the increases given the teachers during last year and at the end of the year, four of the teachers who resigned in June went to positions paying much higher salaries. Three other teachers remained with us this year, who would have gone had not the committee granted special increases in salary.

All these changes in the teaching force of a school system every year are a great disadvantage to the work of the schools. No matter how good the new teachers may be, there is great loss to the children while these new teachers are getting adjusted to the conditions and are learning the needs of their classes and of the children.

But there is a still greater problem confronting school officials of this country. There is a great shortage of teachers. We are told that 143,000 teachers in the United States have given up teaching, largely to take up other and better-paying positions. The attendance at the Normal Schools is from 30 to 50% below normal. In June, 1918, the Gorham, Me., Normal School graduated 104 teachers. In June, 1919, the five Normal Schools in Maine graduated only 78 teachers, and this is practically the situation throughout the country. The reason for

this condition lies largely, if not entirely, in the fact that wages in other callings have left far behind the salaries paid in the teaching profession.

Manifestly, then, the only way to hold our good teachers and save the changes from year to year of about one-third of the teaching corps, is to pay the salaries that will hold those teachers who have proven their ability to do the kind of work we want in the Hamilton schools. On the whole we feel that we were very fortunate in the selection of the new teachers for the present year.

Were it not for the very crowded conditions in the South School we are sure that the work of all our schools would justify the statement recently made by Mr. Burr F. Jones, Agent of the Board of Education, who spent a day in December in the South School and in Wenham Center. Mr. Jones said in a letter to the Superintendent, "I want to express my hearty approval of the work which I recently observed in the schools of Hamilton (and Wenham). In my judgment the teachers showed excellent training, were using the most approved methods, and are possessed of strong natural ability."

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Jones said further, in his letter to the Superintendent, "The outstanding need in both Hamilton and Wenham is manifestly an extension of the school plants. The investment which both towns are making in teachers, operating expenses, and supplies will never pay the highest dividends until the present crowded conditions are relieved. . . . ."

The condition and needs at the South School were set forth in detail in the last report. Since that time on account of the increase in the number of pupils, the conditions have become even worse. These facts were given in statements made for the Land Committee's report to the special town meeting

in November and follow in this report for further consideration by the citizens of the Town.

SOUTH SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Question 1. Why does Hamilton need a new school building?

Answer. First. To obtain proper accommodations so that teachers and children may be able to do what they ought to do for the amount of time and work put into the school. Second. To conform to the ventilation requirements of the state police. These requirements are as follows: That each scholar shall be provided with 250 cubic feet of air space. At present in the South School 202 cubic feet per scholar, taking in four grade rooms and annex together.

The two-room annex was built in 1911, containing 80 desks. At present there are 53 pupils in the two rooms, and the air space is 3,728 cubic feet short. To put any more pupils in these rooms will result in further vitiating the air.

When this annex was built the state police discovered that there was a great shortage of air space, but allowed the building to be used with the understanding that the use would be only temporary.

The basement facilities if properly used would be adequate, but as now used for recitation purposes are unsanitary and the basement should not be so used.

Question 2. How many pupils are there now in the South School plant?

Answer:

Present Registration (November 10, 1919)

Grades	South Dist.	East Dist.	West Dist.	North Dist.	Center Dist.	Ttls.
Grade one	27	0	4	0	0	31
" two	21	0	1	0	0	22
" three	29	0	1	0	0	30
" four	16	0	3	0	0	19
" five	26	0	3	0	0	29
" six	15	0	0	0	0	15
" seven	18	4	1	2	3	28
" eight	27	3	3	3	2	38
Freshmen	24	2	0	1	3	30
Sophomores	14	2	0	2	2	20
Juniors	11	0	0	3	0	14
Senior	7	0	0	1	1	9
Totals	235	11	16	12	11	285

The above pupils are distributed in the rooms as follows:.

In the Annex

In the first grade in one room	31	children
In the second grade in one room	22	"

Main Building

In the 3d and 4th grades in one room	45	"
In the 5th and 6th grades in one room	41	"
In the 7th grade in one room	28	"
In the 8th grade in one room	38	"
In the High School, second floor	73	"
Total	285	"

The children in the Annex are taken care of very well so far as room is concerned because the third grade had to be put ahead into the main building. This makes a very undesirable condition in the next two rooms, where it was found necessary to place an assistant teacher.

Question 3. How many scholars will there be in the South School next year?

Answer: The present registration in the South School is 285. There are 9 Seniors to go out and a conservative estimate of those to come in would be 35. This would account for 311 pupils for next year.

> The present registration in the High School is 73. There are nine to go out and 32 to come in from the present eighth grade. That would indicate that the registration in the High School next year would be 96.

To relieve the conditions set forth above will cost money, but may we not ask if the over three hundred children in the town are not worthy of, and entitled to, as good an education as the average community provides? No matter how good teachers we may have, unless the present conditions are remedied, the Hamilton children in the South School will not get what it is their right to expect, nor what this Commonwealth desires its children to receive to prepare them for the duties of citizenship.

The great need of this school is more room for the various departments. Children are reciting in basements, laboratories and any corner that can be found. To again quote Mr. Jones, he said in his recent address to the Parent-Teacher Association, "A ship's cabin could not be more fully utilized. The outstanding need of your town is a new High School building." High School courses are curtailed because of lack of room for more classes. With seventy-four pupils it is a problem to carry on an effective program. What can be done with ninety to one hundred? That is the number scheduled for the school next September. The question for the citizens of Hamilton to settle is, How is the problem to be met in September?

The proper training of the children of this country is **the most important** problem before the people today on account of conditions created by the war. On account of the conditions existing in this town it is manifestly **the question** that should receive first consideration at the coming annual Town Meeting.

SOME GAINS

It may be worth while to review in this report some of the gains made by the Hamilton schools during the past two or three years. Following are some of the changes made by the School Committee that have added much to the efficiency and popularity of the schools. In the fall of 1917 the South School was put in charge of one head, the principal of the High School being made the administrative head of the entire school. Since that time the principal has been Mr. Herbert H. Archibald, who has proven his ability both as an instructor and as an administrator. With the heartiest co-operation of the entire corps of teachers, every effort has been made to increase the efficiency of the school and at the same time to make school life pleasant for the children in all the grades.

Mr. Archibald, at the request of the committee, took over the music instruction in the High School in the fall of 1917, and the concerts given by the High School chorus and Girls' Glee club each year have shown that splendid work is being accomplished in this line.

In the fall of 1918 manual training for the boys and sewing and cooking for the girls were introduced with two additional special part-time teachers for these subjects. Manual training is given the boys of the 7th, 8th, and 9th or Junior High grades. The 7th and 8th grade girls have sewing and the 8th and 9th grade girls take cooking. To say that the boys and girls enjoy these new subjects is to express it mildly, and the value of the work to them can never be measured by the few dollars spent.

In the spring of 1919, the Ninth Grade girls served a dinner to the school and other town officials and the event was most successful from every point of view, doing credit to both the girls and their instructor, Miss Catherine Shurtleff.

In the Junior High grades, 7, 8 and 9, departmental work and the socialized recitation are emphasized to a reasonable

extent and the results are very satisfactory. The Speak Well club in the 7th Grade under the direction of Mrs. Edna F. Hurlburt, is a very successful and effective attempt at cultivating the habit of good oral English expression.

Music in the Junior High and lower grades has made wonderful strides under the direction of Mrs. Mabel B. Howd, of Brookline. The Junior High chorus, under Mrs. Hazel Ramer, is hard on the heels of the High School chorus and is developing some fine material for High School work later on.

In January, 1919, the East School moved into the new building, which is one of the best in New England.

In the fall of 1919, another very important move was made by the committee. Mr. James A. Cronin, of Beverly, was appointed vice-principal and his work is to teach mathematics in the Junior High and to direct systematic instruction in physical education. Mr. Cronin has had several summers' experience on the playgrounds in Beverly and training in the Naval Reserve, where he won an ensign's commission. Under Mr. Cronin athletics in the schools is becoming a very interesting and instructive factor. Both boys and girls are taught appropriate games for the playground and the improvement in conditions on the playgrounds has been most satisfactory. Regular "setting up" drills are given all children below the High School and in the outside schools. After a few years of this work we will see fewer of the boys and girls having hollow chests and round shoulders, and the work of the study rooms will show a marked increase in efficiency.

In passing we should not fail to recognize the splendid work being done in the Commercial Department of the High School under Miss Gertrude Horan and her assistant. As an illustration of what these pupils are doing we are able to report that over half of the Senior class have already passed the speed test required in June, 1920, having written over 50 words a minute for five minutes without an error.

Most of the other work of this department is of the same high grade. That any of it is not up to good grade is due to the fact that a few pupils do not seem to realize that it takes as persistent, faithful effort to do the work of the Commercial course as it does any other course in the school.

We have noted some of the "high spots" in the organization and work of the schools, but we do not wish to give the impression that these are all that we emphasize. On the whole, the teachers in all grades and departments are giving faithful, conscientious effort to the end that these schools may give to the children the best training possible under existing conditions. But, efficient education requires efficient housing conditions and equipment as well as efficient teachers.

If we are to continue to improve upon the results we are now getting and realize larger returns from the investments we are making, the next move is manifestly relief from the conditions that obtain in the South School.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report I wish to call attention to the report of the principal of the High School, which sets forth very clearly the present conditions and purposes as well as future needs.

Attention is also directed to the appendix which contains some suggestions, facts and regulations that should receive more than a passing thought.

Finally, may I express my highest appreciation for the hearty support and helpful advice of the School Committee, for the loyalty and co-operation of the entire teaching corps, and not the least of all the general encouraging interest in the schools and their work on the part of the people of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY R. WILLIAMS,
Superintendent of Schools.

Hamilton, January 20, 1920.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Supt. Harvey R. Williams,
Public Schools of Hamilton Mass.

Dear Sir: I am very glad indeed for the honor and privilege of submitting this, my third annual report of the progress of our Hamilton High School.

In my last report I believe I emphasized the extreme need of co-operation on the part of the parents to the end that we have the greatest possible attention given to home study. I am convinced that in the large majority of homes this help has been forthcoming, and may I assure you that because of this the teachers are unanimous in this opinion that never before have we been able to get such results from our students as we are at the present time, nor have we been able to raise our scholastic standard to the point where it now stands.

Comparative statistics, some of which I shall give in this report, compiled recently show that the progress and ranking of our school may be placed favorably alongside of other schools of the towns and cities of this vicinity. For example, at the conclusion of last year we received a communication from the state authorities stating that Hamilton High School was placed on the list of approved high schools and furthermore in Class A, with full certificate privileges into our state Normal schools.

By way of explanation it might be well to add that in order to receive certification into schools of higher learning our students must have an average of 80 percent or above in their four years' work. This rank, of course, is set at 80 by the state authorities, whereas our promotion and graduation percent is 70, an arbitrary figure set by our own school regulations. Any student, then, who graduates from our High School, is not, because

of this fact, a candidate for certified entrance into college or Normal school. Well and good if at 80 percent or above, but to those who graduate with a mark between 70 and 80 percent we are obliged to say, "You are placed on your own resources as regards getting into schools of further training."

Taking advantage of our school certification privilege, we placed, of the twelve graduates and post-graduates, eight students into schools of higher learning. Four of these required a certified record of their high school work, whereas, for the other four, a detailed statement of marks was not necessary. Records here show these students to be placed as follows:

Student	Attending School of College
Wilbur Daley	Dartmouth College
Gertrude Sculley	Simmons College
Alice Day	Framingham Normal School
Gladys Mann	Framingham Normal School
Mason Cook	Wentworth Institute
Willard Smith	Wentworth Institute
Robert Trussell	Worcester Academy
Francis Moynihan	St. John's Prep. School

Of these eight, constituting $66\frac{2}{3}$ percent of those who left us last June, four (50 percent of them) entered their colleges or Normal schools on full certificate, and from information gathered from their respective deans' offices, now at hand, we find the students certified to be doing "good" to "very satisfactory" work.

We feel that, whereas the prime motive of education here is not to prepare students for colleges and Normal schools, it does show that our standards are comparable with and measuring up to those of the best schools in the state. So long as we can turn out students who go to schools of higher learning on certificate and who in return, do commendable work and do, thereby, reflect credit to their high school, our reputation as a secondary school is not at stake and is all anyone could desire.

Comparing our school with those of the surrounding towns and cities, it may be said in all fairness that our record of sending 66⅔ percent of the graduates and post-graduates of last year to schools of higher learning is an enviable one and one in which our school is, and our townspeople should be, proud of. It shows above all that we are mindful of that all-important message of the day, "the world needs trained men and women" with emphasis on "trained" with the interpretation of leadership. One of the larger high schools nearby sent 35 percent of its graduates and post-graduates to schools of higher learning.

Along with our preparatory work at Hamilton High School we are not neglecting attention to those students who know that they can go no farther than high school for preparation for life work. We have for our branch of vocational studies a commercial course, needing no particular introduction, but worthy of much comment. To say that this course is comparable with any course of similar instruction in the state is an assertion which I am fully qualified to stand back of. The following facts are convincing of the truth of that statement:

1. Most high school commercial courses have but two years of shorthand and two years of bookkeeping. We have three years of each with a part of the last year given over, in shorthand, to office practice; and in bookkeeping, our students have an opportunity for advanced bookkeeping and accounting in their third year.

2. The requirement in shorthand at the end of the second year for students is the ability to take dictation at the rate of one hundred words per minute for transcribing on the typewriter. This will be met by all five members of this class and surpassed by some.

3. The requirement for most schools in typewriting is the ability to write forty words per minute for ten consecutive minutes with not more than five errors. At date of writing

(January 15, 1920) three out of seven pupils have passed this requirement and with the present rate of progress at hand for the remainder of the year, it is safe to assume that all seven will be able to far surpass this, the speed test as prescribed by the leading typewriter manufacturers for eligibility to International Contest Writing.

We are justified in feeling proud of our commercial department.

In close touch with our attention to the routine scholastic work, our teaching force has thrown itself whole-heartedly into that equally important branch of work, school activities. We feel that the past year has been marked by very apparent strides of progress both in athletic and non-athletic divisions. As regards the former, first we are endeavoring to put on a firm footing a basketball association. Those who have followed the boys in their work know how faithful Mr. Cronin has been in his efforts to build up and maintain a good team. Laboring under many hardships he has taken an entirely "green" squad of boys and from them has molded what appears at present to be a fine group of hard-working, clean athletes. We wish them success. The girls, too, have taken a liking to the game, and are now in the midst of an inter-class series. We have resumed our one afternoon a week at outdoor recreation work and it is our aim to keep the boys and girls all active in one form of exercise or another. This is, needless to say, extremely difficult to do in view of the fact that we have neither room nor equipment to do with. We appreciate very much the action of the School Board which provided for us Smith Hall four afternoons a week, a splendid and very beneficial substitute for the street corner, and in which they now are deriving much healthful recreation. We are extremely unfortunate in not having, here in Hamilton, a gymnasium to which our young boys may go, and where any lad of eight years or over may learn the rudiments of the athletic games now being

taught our sixteen to eighteen-year-old boys in high school. Is it any wonder our boys are not clever in the several branches of sports? Our town should encourage boys to learn the games by giving them a place to play in rather than to expect them to cultivate decent habits and manners by closely associating themselves with the "parlor etiquette" of the depot-square variety.

Our non-athletic activities consist of the four customary class parties in September, October, November and December, bringing about not only a great deal of pleasure to all, but also creating in the students a fine spirit of loyalty to school and to one another. Having thus started the year we are anticipating the production of a Senior play, the giving of a Senior Dance, Junior Prom and Glee club concert, all of which will give the students plenty to do by way of outside work. We hope all these functions will be as successful as they were last year and that the people of Hamilton will be as generous in their support of our school affairs as past years have shown them to be.

As regards another year, I am frank to say that I am skeptical concerning the accomplishment of the proper amount of progress. We must have more room or there will be a forced cutting down of the number of subjects offered next year to make accommodations for the large entering class. With the possibility of approximately one hundred students on our enrollment for another year, the present housing conditions will necessitate the elimination of anywhere from six to eight studies from our present year curriculum. I firmly believe that we should broaden rather than limit our courses of study and would recommend that as soon as possible there be introduced a Domestic Science course, so that girls, knowing that high school life will terminate their education, may have an opportunity to get some valuable training in household arts. This cannot be done without room.

The Hamilton High School has always had the most generous support from the townspeople and we have every reason to believe that the splendid spirit of co-operation will continue so that the name of our school may be kept along with those schools that hold enviable records of progress and possess the highest of standards.

I wish to thank all who have helped our school in any way during the past year, and may I assure you that the scholars and faculty alike appreciate to the fullest extent the many kindnesses that have made it possible for us to feel, as we pass this milestone, that the year has been productive of many more accomplishments and of much higher achievements than ever before.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Herbert H. Archibald,
Principal of High School.

January 20, 1920.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR, 1920-1921

1920

March 8, Schools open for the third term.
April 19, Patriots' Day, Holiday.
April 23, Schools close for one week's vacation.
May 3, Schools re-open.
May 28, Memorial exercises in the schools.
May 31, *Memorial Day observed.
June 23, High School graduation.
June 25, All schools close.

Summer Vacation

September 8, Schools open for the fall term.
October 12, Columbus Day, Holiday.
November 24, Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving recess.
November 29, Schools re-open.
December 22, Schools close for Christmas vacation.

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January 3, Schools re-open for the second term.
February 21, Washington's Birthday observed in the schools.
February 22, Washington's Birthday, Holiday.
February 25, Schools close for one week vacation.
March 7, Schools re-open for third term.

*Holidays falling on Sunday must be observed on Monday.

RESULTS OF EYE AND EAR TESTS, SEPTEMBER, 1919

Whole number enrolled	357
Found defective in eyesight	46
Found defective in hearing	7
Notices sent to parents and guardians	14

Note: Many of the pupils reported as defective in eyesight have had treatment and are fitted with glasses. Other cases of defective eyesight and some cases of defective hearing have been reported by the school physician. On receiving these notices parents and guardians should give the matter immediate attention, as very often such defects are the cause of inattention, indifference and poor work on the part of the pupils.

AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade in September who was not five years of age on or before the first day of September.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September unless they have attended school in some other town.

Parents desiring to enter children on any other conditions than those given above should obtain permission from the Superintendent of Schools.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents should attend to this matter during the summer vacation as certificates of vaccination or of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BANK

Total number of depositors		186
Balance September 1, 1919	$98 13	
Deposits from September to January 16	310 32	
Total		$408 45
Transferred to individual accounts in January		$320 00
Balance on school account January, 1920		$88 45
Average number depositing each week		70

SCHOOL CENSUS

Boys between five and seven years of age	24	
Girls between five and seven years of age	32	
Total		56
Boys between seven and fourteen years of age	104	
Girls between seven and fourteen years of age	124	
Total		228
Boys between fourteen and sixteen years of age	29	
Girls between fourteen and sixteen years of age	27	
Total		56
Total census		340

REGISTRATION OF PUPILS BY GRADES AND SCHOOLS
AS OF DECEMBER, 1919

Schools	Grades												
	Elementary						Junior High			Senior High			
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Totals
South	29	20	25	17	28	16	27	38	30	21	14	9	274
Center	2	4	2	3	2	2							15
North	4	1	2	1	3	3							14
East	6	6	8	2	5	12							39
Totals	41	31	37	23	38	33	27	38	30	21	14	9	342

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, YEAR ENDING IN JUNE 1919

Schools	Length of year	Number enrolled	Boys enrolled	Girls enrolled	Average membership	Average Attendance	Aggregate attendance	Number under 5	No. between 5 and 7	No. between 7 and 14	No. between 14 and 16	Number over 16
	ms. ds.											
High School	8—11	66	32	34	60.5	56.6	9678	0	0	7	32	27
Junior High, 8	8— 6	38	18	20	32.4	28.9	4759	0	0	32	6	0
Junior High, 7	8— 6	42	21	21	36.7	32.1	5308	0	0	37	5	0
Grades 5-6	8— 6	41	20	21	32.	29.4	4868	0	0	40	1	0
Grades 4-5	8— 6	46	22	24	37.3	34.	5635	0	0	46	0	0
Grades 2-3	8— 5	30	10	20	30.9	27.9	4381	0	12	18	0	0
Grades 1-2	8— 5	41	16	25	32.9	28.3	4669	0	29	4	0	0
Center School	8— 7	22	11	11	21.4	21.	3531	0	7	15	0	0
East Grammar 4-5-6	8— 7	17	10	7	20.8	19.	1947	0	0	16	1	0
East Grammar 1-2-3	8— 7	18	11	7	20.9	19.3	1584	0	6	12	0	0
Totals		361	171	190	325.8	296.9	46,360	0	54	237	45	27

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1920

Names Schools	Subjects or grades	Salary	Appointed	Education
Herbert H. Archibald, H. S. Principal	Science and Math.	$2000	1917	Mass. Agr. College
Katharine Call, H. S. assistant	Languages	950	1916	Boston University
Josephine Rice, H. S. assistant	English and History	800	1919	Colby College
Eleanor Robinson, H. S. assistant	Latin and Math.	950	1918	Boston University
M. Gertrude Horan, H. S. assistant	Commercial subjects	1200	1916	Salem Normal
Elizabeth Horan, H. S. assistant	Commercial subjects	800	Practice year	Salem Normal
James A. Cronin, sub-master	Junior High Math. and Physical Training	1300	1919	Salem Normal
Hazel E. Ramer (Mrs.), Junior High	Geography & Penmanship	900	1907	Salem Normal
Edna F. Hurlburt (Mrs.), Junior High	Literature and Eng.	900	1916	Edward Little High
Elizabeth Clarke, Junior High	History and Civics	750	2-5 time 1919	Salem Normal
Ellen E. Bennett, South	Grades V and VI	900	1913	Fitchburg Normal
L. Gertrude Perkins, South	Grades III and IV	800	1917	Gloucester Training
Alice Steuterman, South	Asst. III to VI	700	1919	Salem Normal
Helen A. Weston, South	Grade II	800	1917	Salem Normal
Nelly G. Cutting, South	Grade I	900	1915	Salem Normal
Clara M. Waldie, South	Man. Tr. and Drawing	890	3-5 time 1918	Normal Art
Ruth J. Gould, South	Sewing and Cookery	800	3-5 time 1919	Framingham Normal
Mabel B. Howd (Mrs.), all schools	Music, one day each week	490	1918	New York University
Ruth M. Carson, East	Grades IV-VI	800	1918	Salem Normal
Marion A. Smith, East	Grades I-III	750	1916	Hyannis Summer
Edith M. Anderson, Center	Grades I-VI	800	1915	Salem Normal
Ruth G. Brnut, North	Grades I-VI	650	1919	Lesley Normal

NINTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

OF THE

CLASS OF 1919

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 24-27, 1919

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Sight-seeing excursion by steamer to Plymouth

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

10 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Field Day at Idlewood Lake

Evening—Class Spread at Baldpate Inn

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

2 p. m.—Class Day Exercises at Town Hall

8 p. m.—Graduation Exercises at Town Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

3 p. m.—Commencement Ball Game

8 p. m.—Senior Reception and Dance

CLASS MOTTO: Work and Win

CLASS COLORS: Green and White

CLASS FLOWER: American Beauty

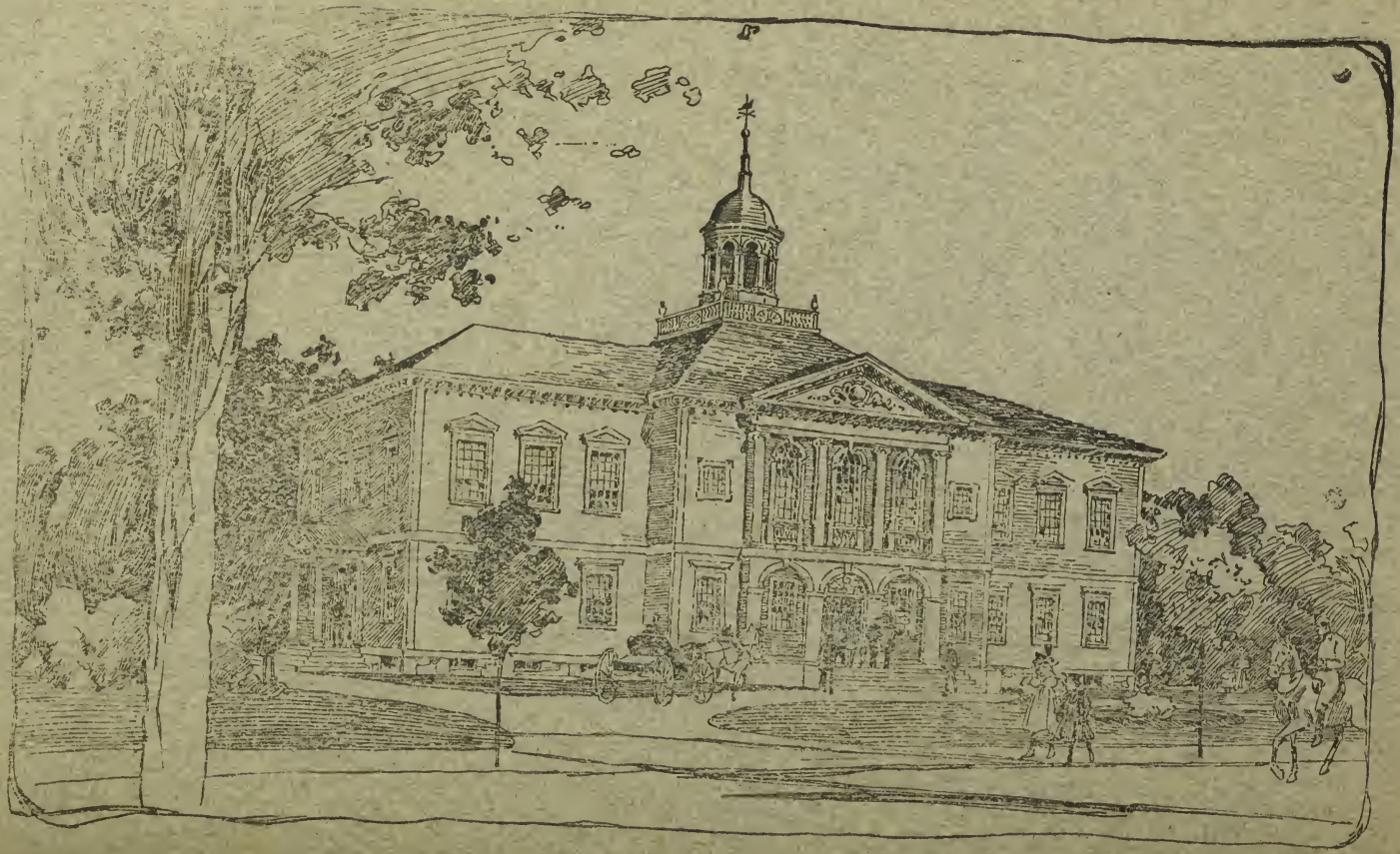
Class Roll

Mason Babson Cook
Harcourt Woodbury Dodge
James William McGinley
Francis Cornelius Moynihan
*Charles Arthur Peterson, Jr.
*Ethel Mary Poole
*Willard Nathaniel Smith
*Gertrude Frances Sculley
Robert Bond Trussell

Post Graduate Students

Sara Alice Emily Day
Gladys Louise Mann
Wilbur Stanilaus Daley

*Honor Student

Graduation Program

1. Invocation ..... Rev. Thomas B. Bitler
2. "Daybreak" ..... *G. F. Wilson*
   High School Chorus
3. Salutatory ..... Charles Peterson
   "Theodore Roosevelt, American"
4. "Rockin' Time" ..... *Gertrude Leverich Knox*
   High School Glee Club
5. Class History ..... Ethel Poole
6. "In Picardie" ..... *H. B. Hatch*
   High School Glee Club
7. Prophecy ..... Willard N. Smith
8. Class Ode ..... Words by Francis Moynihan
9. Valedictory ..... Gertrude Sculley
   "By-products of World War"
10. Address to the Class of 1919 Rev. W. H. Rider, of Essex
11. "June Rhapsody" ..... *Mabel W. Daniels*
    High School Glee Club
12. Presentation of Senior Class to School Board
    Supt. H. R. Williams
13. Awarding of Diplomas Chairman Robert Robertson, Jr.
14. "Shout Aloud in Triumph" ..... *Charles Manney*
    High School Chorus
15. Benediction ..... Rev. Thomas B. Bitler